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Introduction

Active Roles simplifies and streamlines creation and ongoing management of user accounts and groups in Windows Active Directory (AD) environments by automating user and group account creation in AD, Azure AD, mailbox creation in Exchange and Exchange Online, group population, and resource assignment in Windows.

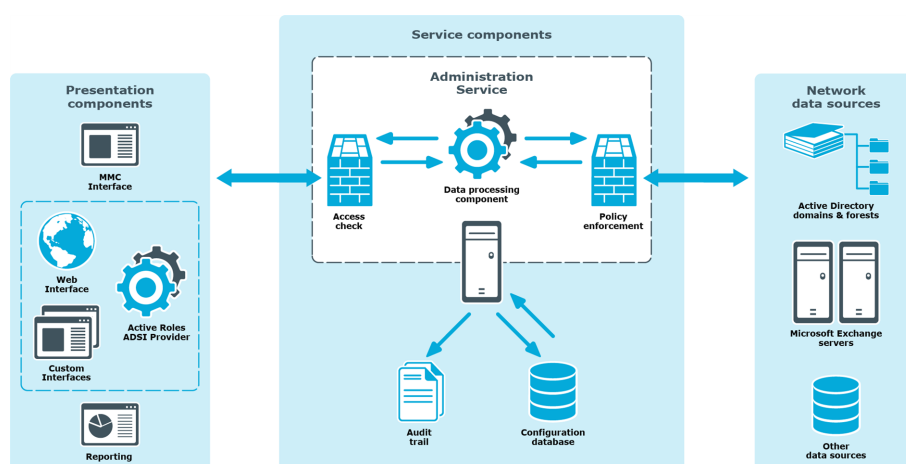
It provides strictly enforced security, rich capabilities for automating directory management tasks, change approval and easy-to-use Web interfaces, to achieve practical user and group account management for the Windows enterprise.

This document is for individuals responsible for deploying Active Roles in their organization. It provides step-by-step instructions for preparing the environment and installing the Active Roles components.

Active Roles components

Active Roles divides the workload of directory administration into three functional layers: presentation components, service components, and network data sources.

Figure 1: Active Roles Components



The presentation components include client interfaces for the Windows platform and the Web, which allow users with appropriate rights to perform a precisely defined set of administrative activities. Active Roles also includes the reporting solution to generate reports on the administrative activities.

The service components constitute a secure layer between administrators and managed data sources. It ensures consistent policy enforcement, provides automation capabilities, and enables the integration of business processes for administration of Active Directory, Exchange and other corporate data sources.

The main component of Active Roles is the Administration Service—a powerful rules-based proxy for the management of network data sources. The Administration Service features advanced delegation capabilities and provides the ability to enforce administrative policies that keep data current and accurate. The Administration Service acts as a bridge between the presentation components and network data sources. In large networks, multiple instances of the Administration Services can be deployed to improve performance and ensure fault tolerance.

The Administration Service uses the configuration database to store configuration data that includes definitions of objects specific to Active Roles, assignments of administrative roles and policies, and procedures used to enforce policies.

The Administration Service provides a complete audit trail by creating records in the Active Roles event log. The log shows all actions performed and by whom, including actions that were not permitted. The log entries display the success or failure of each action, as well as which attributes were changed while managing objects in data sources.

Deployment considerations

This section addresses issues concerning the deployment of the Active Roles Administration Service. Information for this section was collected from:

- Feedback from our current customers who have enterprise class deployments with multiple sites/locations
- Extensive testing of Active Roles in our software development labs
- Comparisons and testing of Active Roles to competitors' solutions

There are no technical requirements for installing many Administration Services in a location or in different locations. The number of Administration Services in a location and the number of locations with Administration Services depends on an organization's needs and expectations, the current infrastructure and hardware, and the business workflow. When considering an To add the Active Roles console (MMC Interface) to the pilot deployment, simply install the new version of the console on an appropriate server and have the console connect to your pilot Administration Service. deployment, administrators should consider the following issues:

- Business workflow
- Hardware requirements
- Need for availability
- Replication traffic

When an organization has gathered and assessed the information above, it will be able to determine the locations and number of Administration Services to be installed. The last sub-section provides network diagrams that illustrate potential Active Roles deployments.

Business workflow

This factor focuses on Active Directory (AD) data management processes and practices, including who will perform these tasks and from where they access the management services. Generally, these tasks will be divided among several groups, which might include both high- and low-level administrators, a Help Desk, HR personnel, and work group managers.

Possible business workflows for AD data management processes might be:

- Centralized at one location and performed by one group
- Centralized at one location or LAN site and performed by multiple groups
- Distributed at multiple sites but performed by one business group
- Distributed at multiple sites and performed by multiple independent business groups

Organizations should diagram the locations/sites at which AD data management is done, their network connections, the number of users performing tasks, the type of work they do. For example, Help Desk personnel will make more use of the Administration Service than regular employees who are occasionally changing their personal information.

Finally, the number of users at each site should be added to the diagram. Current customers report that there has been no need to install additional services in order to improve Active Roles performance. Adding the number of users is not intended to indicate the workload on or the performance of the Administration Service. The number of users is intended to help organizations to estimate and understand their own administration workload and how Active Roles will fit into that workload.

Hardware requirements

After calculating the resource usage of an Administration Service and mapping the business workflow of the network sites, an organization will have the necessary information to start assessing any need for additional hardware.

There is no technical need for installing the Administration Service on dedicated hardware. In fact, current customers do not use only dedicated hardware. They use a combination of dedicated and shared hardware to host the Administration Service. For example, a current customer manages 2,000,000 AD objects in a global deployment with a total of five Administration Services, two of which are dedicated and the other three are shared with other applications.

An organization's current infrastructure, including existing servers, sites and connections, will greatly determine the need for additional hardware to run Active Roles. The Administration Service can be installed on any server, although organizations should consider these two guidelines:

- It is not recommended that the Administration Service be installed on a domain controller.
- Typically, organizations install the Administration Service on other application, file, or print servers.

Depending on service level agreements or goals, if existing servers are currently fully loaded or overloaded, then a new server should be purchased, and the Administration Service and additional services should be moved onto the new equipment. Not only will this enable Active Roles deployment, it will also improve the performance of the currently deployed services. Since Active Roles is often deployed during migration to Active Directory, Active Roles deployment can be included in planning for new hardware and server consolidation.

The need for redundancy and availability also will affect the hardware requirements. See the sub-section "Availability and Redundancy" for further details.

IIS Server requirement for the Web Interface

If an organization plans to use the Active Roles Web Interface, IIS must be installed on the server running the Web Interface.

It is recommended that organizations use the Active Roles Web Interface because it offers more flexibility than the MMC Interface. Users can access it from almost anywhere on the network. It shows administrators only the data they can administer and the tasks they can perform, which makes it easy to learn and highly secure.

Availability and redundancy

One of the benefits of Active Roles is that administrators do not need permissions on Active Directory to perform user management and other tasks. This forces administrators to use Active Roles and assures secure administration with the enforcement of "Rules and Roles" provided by Active Roles. However, this lack of AD permissions might be a problem if the Administration Service becomes unavailable. The impact of this potential problem depends on the specifics of the situation, but the problem can be addressed with the following guidelines.

Major sites

Two guidelines should be followed for major sites:

- Our customers typically deploy two Administration Services per major location/site where AD data administration and user management is performed. This redundant service solution would be effective if both the primary Administration Service and all connections to other sites failed.

Again, organizations should use their administration framework and their experience with other management services, such as SMS, to determine the need for an Administration Service at a site.

- Most customers do not place all of their Administration Services at one location/site. If access to that one location/site should fail, all Administration Service of AD would stop. Instead, they install Administration Services at two or sometimes more sites.

In most scenarios, even if the server hosting the Administration Service fails, connections to other sites will be maintained. Administrators can access Administration Services at another site and force AD replication to make the changes appear on the local domain controller as soon as possible.

Remote sites

Three approaches can be used for remote sites where either no or only a low level of administration work is performed (e.g., creating a few users, updating employee

information, or unlocking accounts). One or more approaches can be used, and they should eliminate the possible problem of administrators not having AD permissions and an Administration Service failing. The approaches used depend on business workflow.

- If few AD administration tasks are performed at a site, then local administrators might access a remote Administration Service. Administrators at remote sites can access an Administration Service at a major location/site. If necessary, native Windows administrative tools can be used to force AD to replicate the changes so that they appear on the local domain controller as soon as possible.
- If local administrators at a site do not normally need access to AD, then an Administration Service would not have to be installed in that site. An administrator at a major site can make changes for a user at a remote site, and if necessary forced replication can cause the changes to appear quickly at the user's local domain controller.

NOTE: With Active Roles user interfaces, the administrator can deliberately choose the domain controller where to apply the changes, thus eliminating data replication delays.

- An organization might provide one or more administrators at each site with permissions to AD. For example, if a site has five administrators, one administrator would be given permissions to AD. This solution would be acceptable for most sites, except for small sites managed by very low-level administrators.

NOTE: Active Roles allows administrators to push (synchronize) permissions from Active Roles to Active Directory, thus making it easier to manage permissions to AD.

Replication traffic

Active Roles employs the Microsoft SQL Server to maintain the configuration database. The replication capabilities of SQL Server facilitate the implementation of multiple equivalent configuration databases used by different Administration Services.

Replication traffic can be judged by considering what is replicated and what is not. Active Roles configuration information is replicated only if it is changed. This means that if administrators are not creating Managed Units, Access Templates, Policies and delegating permissions that often, there is not much replication traffic.

Locations and number of services

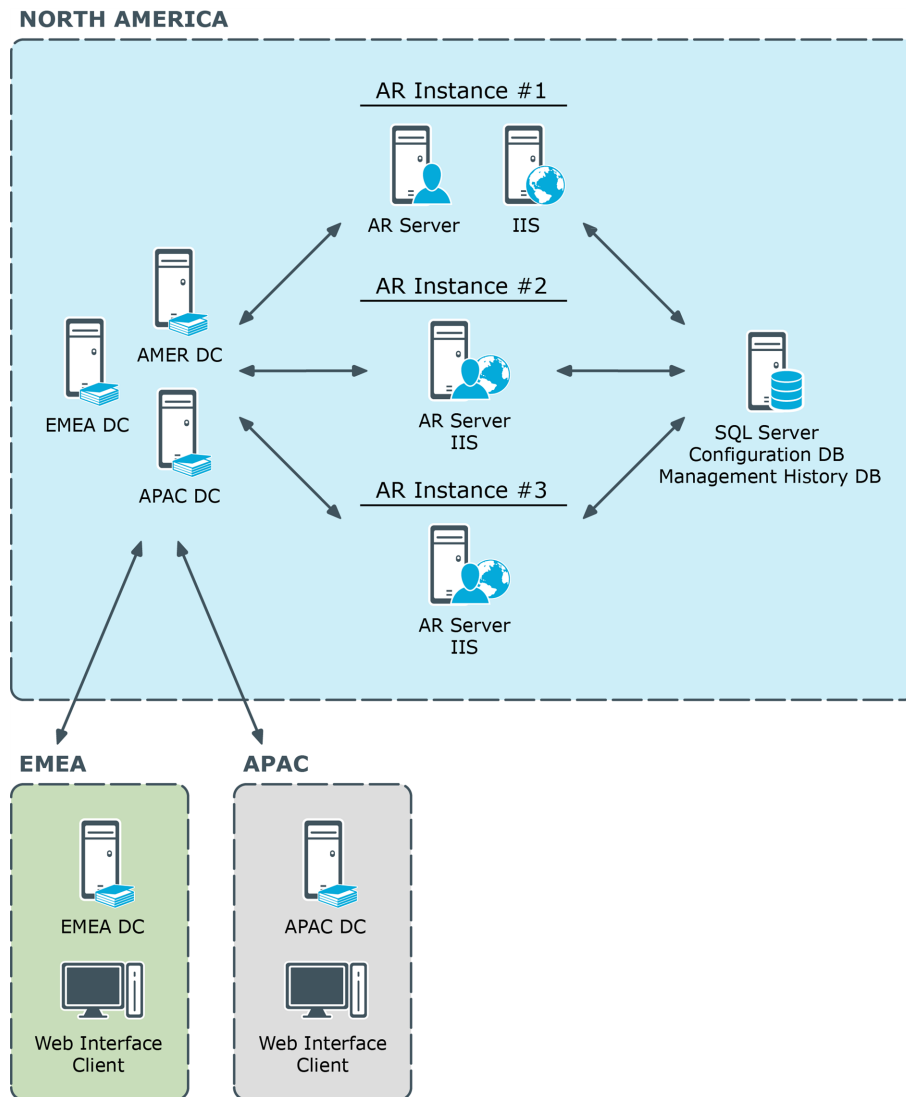
After considering the major factors that might influence the locations and number of Administration Services, organizations should have a network diagram that illustrates a

high-level design for the Active Roles deployment.

The following high-level sample network diagrams illustrate potential Active Roles deployments using the guidelines described earlier.

Centralized

This diagram shows a centralized network and workflow (the ARS abbreviation refers to the Active Roles Administration Service).



In this centralized structure, all AD data management is done from the corporate headquarters by a group of network administrators and the Help Desk staff. The headquarters is a large campus location with several well-connected sites. Most employees work at the headquarters. Large remote sites will have networking personnel who are responsible for the tasks such as hardware and software setup and maintenance. Small remote sites are staffed by non-technical employees. Network maintenance for these sites is done by IT staff that travels to them or by contractors.

The number of Administration Services depends on the number of managed objects and administrators. In the diagram, there is one dedicated Active Roles Administration Service (Dedicated ARS) and two Administration Services on shared hardware. This number should assure both availability and redundancy. Other services on the shared hardware include printing and applications.

A small number of administrators use the Active Roles console, while the majority of administrators and all Help Desk personnel use the Web Interface.

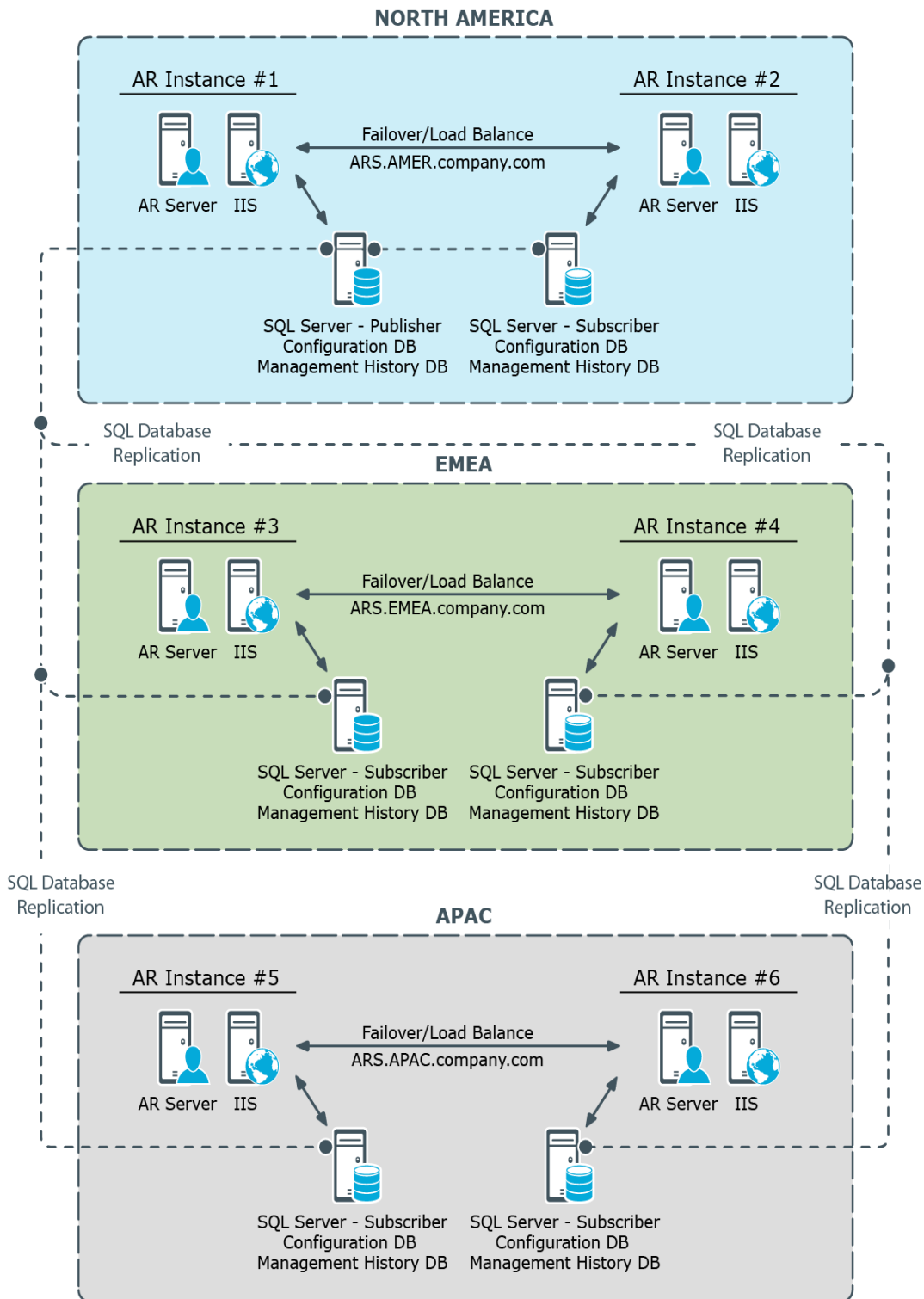
Typically, customers do not install all Administration Services at one location, but in this case, one or both of the following business workflow and technical factors over rule that guideline:

- The remote sites are lightly populated and require very little AD data management work.
- It is determined that if the connection to the central site fails, the organization's primary concern would be restoring the connection, not managing AD.

Distributed with no remote management

This diagram shows a distributed network and workflow (the ARS abbreviation refers to the Active Roles Administration Service).

Figure 2: Distributed network and workflow



In this scenario, AD data management is performed at major locations by a group of network administrators and the Help Desk staff. These locations can be campuses or single locations connected by LAN/WAN connections.

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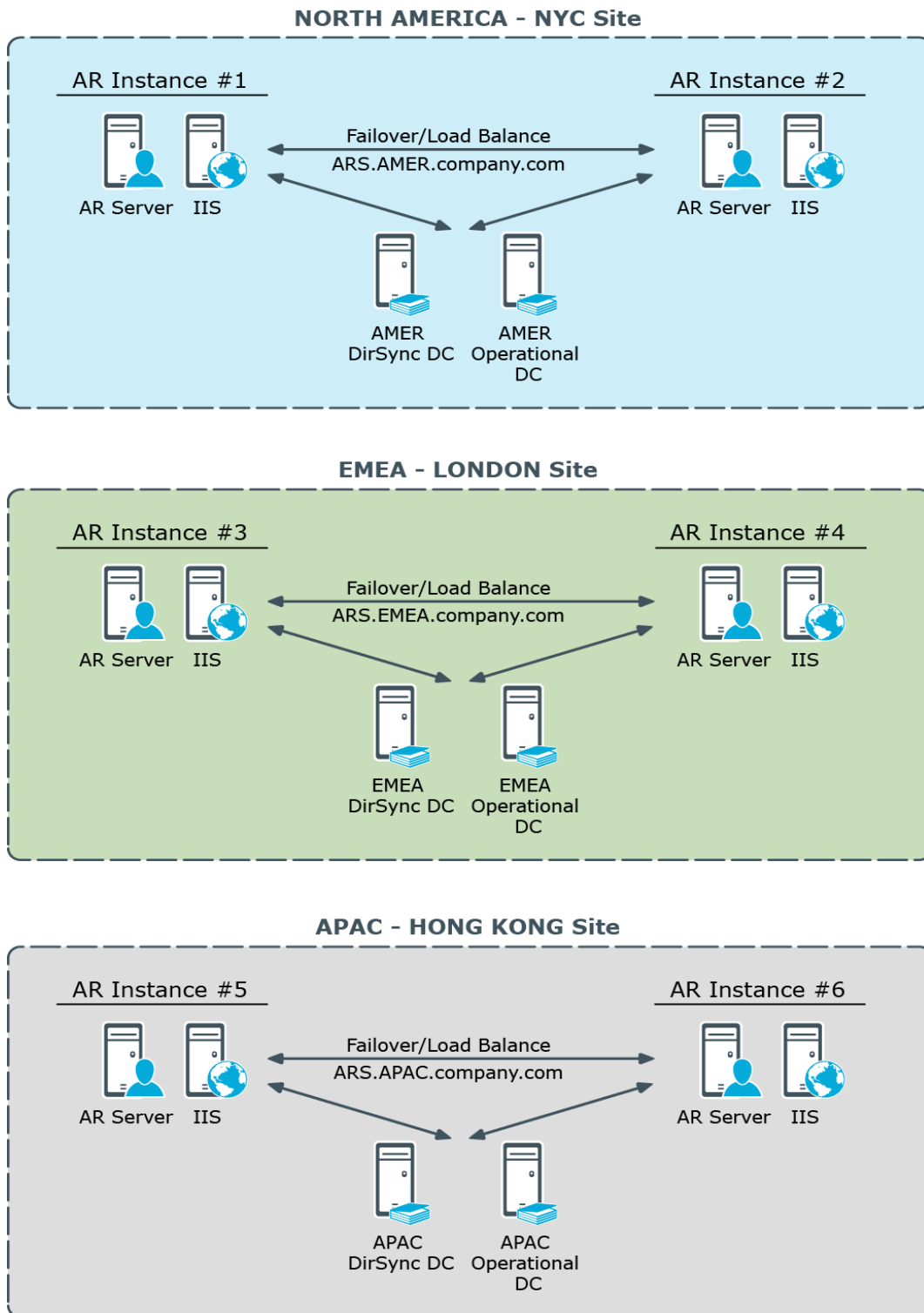
Again, the number of Administration Services depends on the number of managed objects and administrators. In the diagram, there is one dedicated and one shared Administration Service per location. This setup assures both redundancy and availability at each major location and through out the network. If one Administration Service fails, the other Service at the location can be used. If both services at a location fail, AD data management can be done at the other location. As long as the connections function, administrators at the failed location can access the Administration Services at the functioning location.

At both locations a small number of administrators use the Active Roles console, while the majority of administrators and all Help Desk personnel use the Web Interface.

Distributed with remote management

This diagram illustrates a highly distributed network and workflow (the ARS abbreviation refers to the Active Roles Administration Service).

Figure 3: Highly distributed network and workflow



In this scenario, AD data management is performed at all locations. These locations can be campuses or single locations connected by LAN/WAN connections. The work is done by a

group of network administrators and the Help Desk staff. Work group managers perform very low-level work such as access to specific file directories and distribution lists.

The number of Administration Services depends on the number of managed objects, administrators, and locations. In the diagram, there is one dedicated and one shared Administration Service at the large locations. This setup assures both redundancy and availability at each major location and through out the network. If one Administration Service fails, the other server at the location can be used. If both Administration Services at a location fail, AD management can be done at the other location. As long as the connections function, administrators at the failed location can access the Administration Services at the functioning location.

A third, midsize location has an Administration Service installed on shared hardware. Administrators at this location use a Web interface, so the hardware also hosts IIS. An Administration Service was installed at this location because the location had a significant number of users that needed AD management work and Help Desk support. Placing an Administration Service in this location balances the load on the services while improving redundancy and availability. If this location and the network grow, the need might develop for establishing connections and replication between the three largest sites.

Administrators at the smallest locations access the Administration Services at the large locations via the Web Interface. The reason for this is the number of users and administrators and their workload.

At both large locations a small number of administrators use the Active Roles console, while the majority of administrators and all Help Desk personnel and work group managers use the Web Interface.

Physical design

This section covers two typical installation configurations for Active Roles. In both installations the architecture is designed to maximize the effectiveness of the Active Roles software based on how the network is configured and how administrative duties are assigned.

Several software components must be considered when deploying Active Roles:

- **AR Service**The Active Roles Administration Service (AR Service) communicates directly with an Active Directory domain controller (DC), and is responsible for making all changes to Active Directory. The DC to which the AR Service speaks is selected automatically and can be changed by the Active Roles user. The ARS Service is also responsible for performing access checks to prevent non-authorized users from connecting to Active Roles interfaces and to ensure that authorized users are performing tasks according to the role they hold and the rules that have been put in place.
- **Console**the Active Roles console provides an MMC-based interface to configure Active Roles as well as perform administration of Active Directory. The Console only connects to the AR Service and is not capable of making changes directly in Active Directory.

- **Web Interface** Three Web Interfaces are provided with Active Roles out of the box: the Web Interface for Administrators, the Web Interface for Help Desk and the Web Interface for Self-administration. During the setup of the Web Interfaces the administrator must make a decision to connect the Web Interface to a specific AR Service or allow the AR Service to be selected dynamically. All of the Web Interfaces connect only to the AR Service and are not capable of making changes directly in Active Directory.

The decision where to place servers running the Active Roles software components should leverage the strengths of the existing network and the associated IT Service structure.

Deploying for fault tolerance and load balancing

In the same way Active Directory is not fault tolerant with a single domain controller Active Roles would not be fault tolerant when a single server running the AR Service is deployed. It is critical that at least two servers running the AR Service be deployed to have a fault-tolerant Active Roles environment. None the less, even in the worst case scenario where all AR Service instances fail, Active Directory will continue to function normally. The only result of a complete failure is that day-to-day administration or help desk functions may be interrupted until a server running the AR Service is brought back on-line.

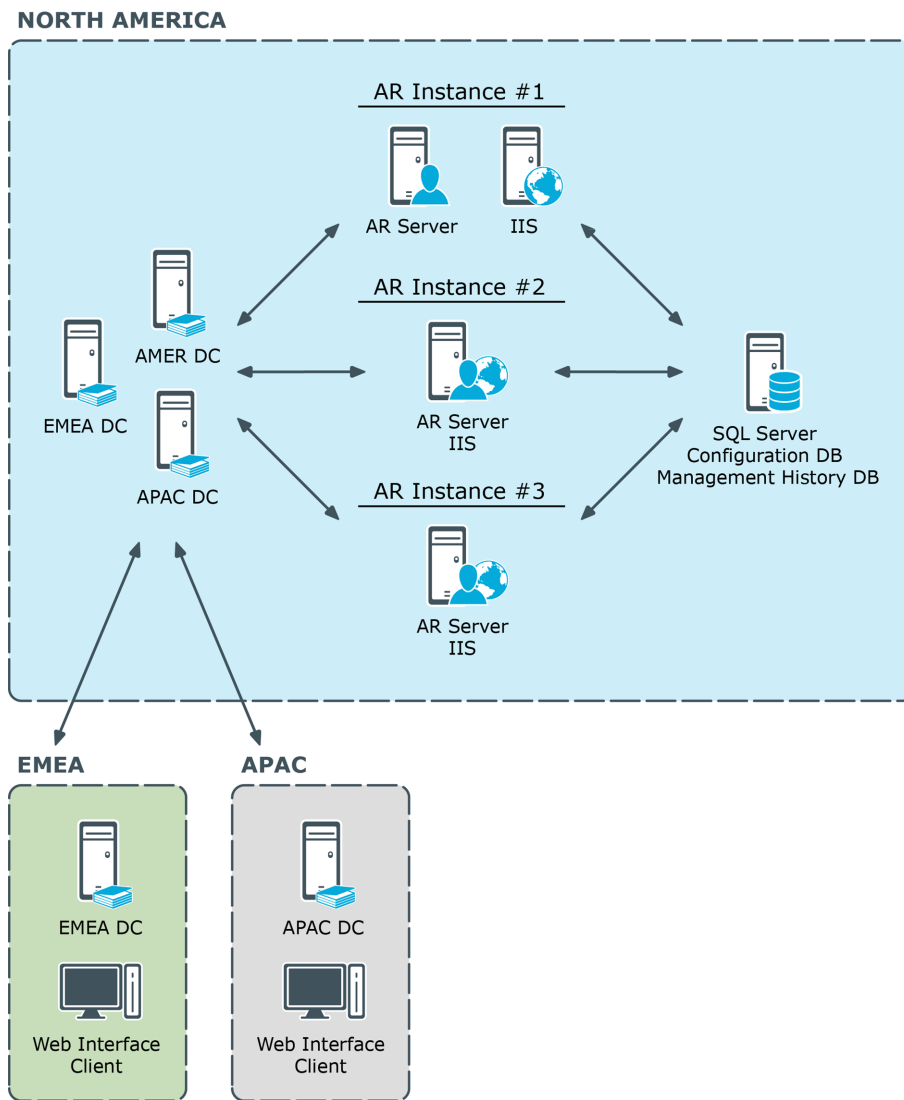
An additional benefit of deploying multiple AR Service instances is that both the Console and the Web Interfaces will fail-over to a new AR Service if the first one becomes unresponsive. The user experience is slightly different depending upon which interface the user is using when the AR Service fails. Within the Console the user will notice the AR Service has failed and will only have to use the **Connect** command to get automatically connected to the next available AR Service. Users of the Web Interface will have a more seamless transition as the Web Interface fails over automatically to the next AR Service. One important item to note is that automatic failover only works if the option to use any available Administration Service was selected during the Web Interface setup.

It is possible to deploy the Web Interface and AR Service components on separate servers, for security concerns or business reasons. However, when the Web Interface and AR Service are deployed on separate servers, basic authentication is normally used to authenticate the Web Interface users, causing the user credentials to be transferred over the network in clear text. In this case we highly recommend that a secure (SSL) channel be configured on the server running the Web Interface to encrypt traffic between the server and the Web browser. However it is best to keep the AR Service and Web Interface components together, on the same server, for integrated authentication and better performance.

Centralized deployment

The first installation configuration is known as the *Centralized model*. In this model administration is controlled from a single larger site. In the centralized model the deployment places servers in one physical location. This allows all the AR Service instances to share a single configuration and management history database, or replicate their configuration changes to a partner, providing a fault tolerant configuration. While a centralized deployment may involve smaller physical locations or branch offices, administration is probably not usually performed from those locations.

Figure 4: Centralized deployment of Active Roles



This diagram illustrates a centralized deployment of Active Roles with the following characteristics:

- All the Active Roles (AR) instances are placed in a single location. Each instance is hosted on a server running the AR Service along with a Web server (IIS) running the Web Interfaces.
- All Active Roles instances share the same database for storing the configuration and management history data (Configuration DB and Management History DB).
- The EMEA and APAC branch offices use the Web Interface to perform administrative tasks, help desk operations or self-service actions.

DC focusing

Normally, the Active Roles Administration Service (AR Service) itself chooses the Active Directory domain controller (DC) to communicate with, which is the nearest DC by default. With a centralized deployment model, this means that the AR Service will select DC found in the same location where the corresponding AR instance resides, so even the regionally local changes calls (those submitted from the EMEA or APAC location) are performed against DC located in North America (rather than a locally-placed DC) thereby causing an additional slow-down due to Active Directory replication latency.

The preferred behavior would be as follows:

- Regionally local changes calls are initiated against the locally-placed DC.
- Cross-site changes calls are initiated against the DC located at the target site.

The appropriate choice of DC would ensure that the changes appear on the target site without an Active Directory replication related slow-down. Active Roles users can choose an appropriate DC by using the **Change Operational DC** command on the menu for the domain object, in the Active Roles console or Web Interface. If operational DC is explicitly specified by the user, the AR Service submits the change requests to that DC instead of the nearest DC.

Distributed deployment

The second installation configuration is the *Distributed model* where servers are deployed by analysis of how the network is configured and how administrative duties are assigned and performed.

In a distributed environment there are three primary criteria for the determination of the placement of Active Roles:

1. Where will administration be performed?
2. How are domain controllers placed?
3. What is the interface of choice for the administrators?

If both administrators and domain controllers reside in the same physical location, the AR Service should be placed in that location. In this situation either the Console or the Web Interface could be used by the administrators. However, if the Web Interface is the primary interface of choice, it is important to ensure that the AR Service the Web Interface connects to points to a domain controller in the same location so that changes are not passed over a WAN connection.

If the administrators reside in one location and domain controllers reside in another, the determining factor would be WAN reliability.

It is important to understand that the AR Service writes all administrative changes to a domain controller to which it has been associated. The critical point here is that Active Roles client applications never interface directly with a domain controller. Consequently it is more important that the AR Service be located close to its associated domain controller than where the client application is deployed in relation to the domain controller.

However, from either the Console or the Web Interfaces it is possible to choose a specific domain controller to which the AR Service writes the changes.

This diagram illustrates a distributed deployment of Active Roles with the following characteristics:

- Each of the three sites has two Active Roles (AR) instances deployed, for the sake of fault tolerance and load balancing.
- Each Active Roles instance is hosted on a server running the AR Service along with a Web server (IIS) running the Web Interface.
- Each Active Roles instance has a separate database for storing the configuration and management history data (Configuration DB and Management History DB).
- The databases are synchronized by means of SQL Server replication function. One of the database servers holds the Publisher role while the others are Subscribers to that Published (in terms of SQL Server replication).
- Administration is performed using the Web Interface on a per-site basis, by connecting Web Interface clients (Web browsers) to any of the two AR instances deployed within the site.

Total of six Active Roles instances are deployed across the world-wide enterprise, with two instances located in each of three major regions—North America, EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa), and APAC (Asia Pacific). This per-site deployment model provides an efficient way for Active Directory data changes initiated via Active Roles to take effect by minimizing wait time for cross-site Active Directory replication.

All Active Roles instances provide the same Active Directory access delegation workflow and can be treated as a single delegation mechanism. Sharing the same configuration settings between instances is achieved by means of SQL replication.

Each region has two Active Roles instances for failover and load balancing purposes. For failover purposes each instance is independent from a hardware and software standpoint by having its own dedicated AR Service, Web Interface (IIS) and SQL Server. This deployment is flexible in regards to hardware extension: new hardware can be added into the project for load balancing or troubleshooting purposes without changing the deployment.

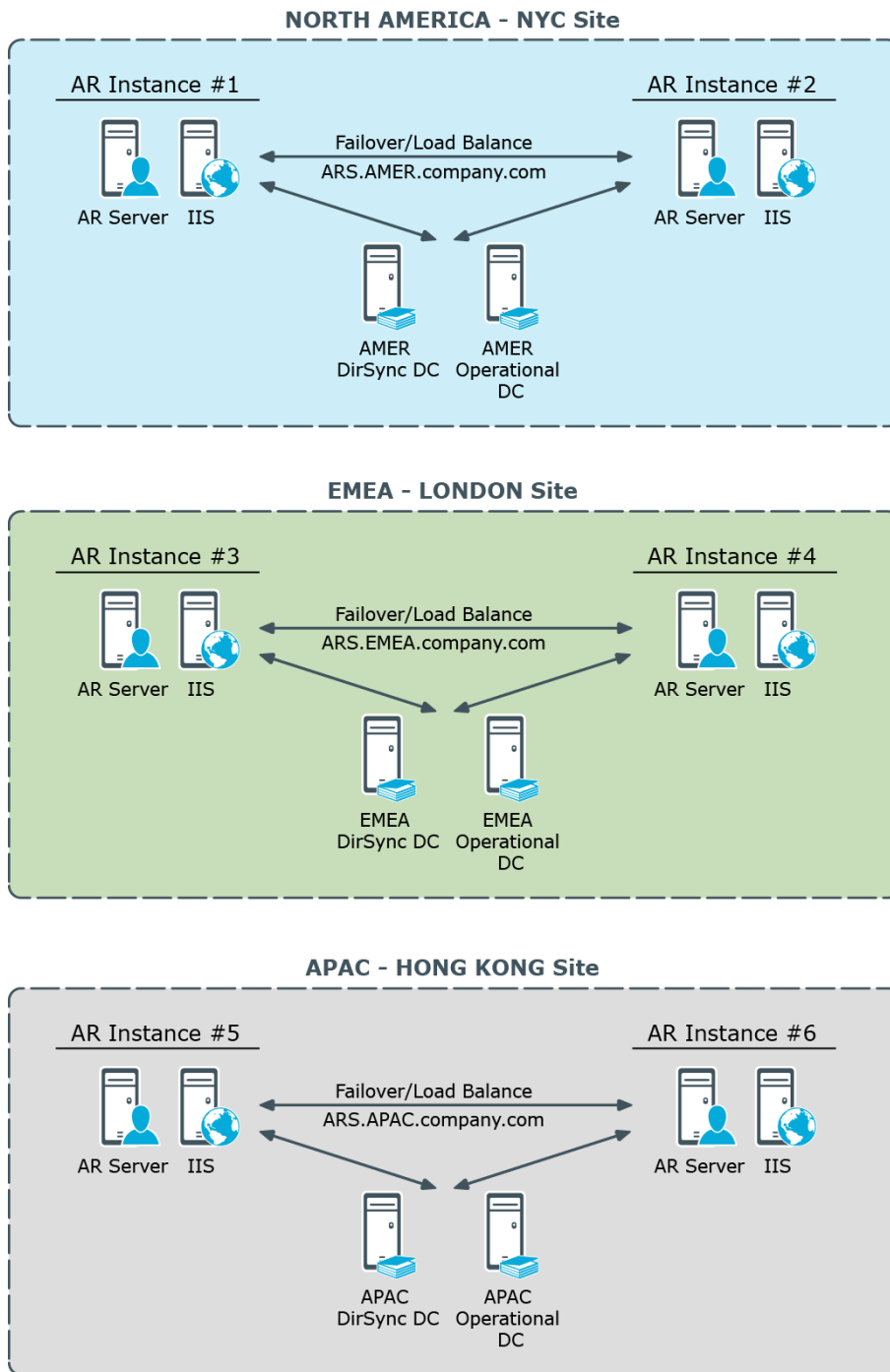
DC focusing

The AR Service normally selects the nearest Active Directory domain controller (DC) to communicate with. Therefore, the AR instance located in a given site normally communicates with a DC found in that site. This has the following implications:

- The AR instance normally applies Active Directory data changes to a DC found in the local site. This DC is referred to as *Operational DC*.
- The AR instance normally retrieves the data changes that occur in Active Directory from a DC found in the local site. This DC is referred to as *DirSync DC*.

By default, the AR Service chooses the same domain controller to hold the role of both the Operational DC and DirSync DC.

Figure 5: Active Roles Service - DC focusing



The AR Service is permanently listening to the DirSync DC for changes related to Active Roles dynamic configuration objects, such as Dynamic Groups and Managed Units. Every operation that involves the retrieval or modification of Active Directory data, requested by Active Roles client interfaces or by AR Service internal logic, is performed against this DC.

The user can specify another DC for the client operations, by using the **Change Operational DC** command in the Active Roles console or Web Interface.

Each 10 minutes the AR Service validates the availability of the selected DirSync DC. If the AR Service identifies that the DC is not available, it selects another DC. Until the AR Service selects another DC, every user of Active Roles who does not explicitly specify the Operational DC will receive an error when trying to perform any operation with Active Directory.

If you have a single DC in the same site with the AR Service, and that DC becomes unavailable for some reason (for example, it was restarted), then the AR Service will select a DC from other site. After the DC in its home site becomes available, the AR Service will switch back to DC in its home site.

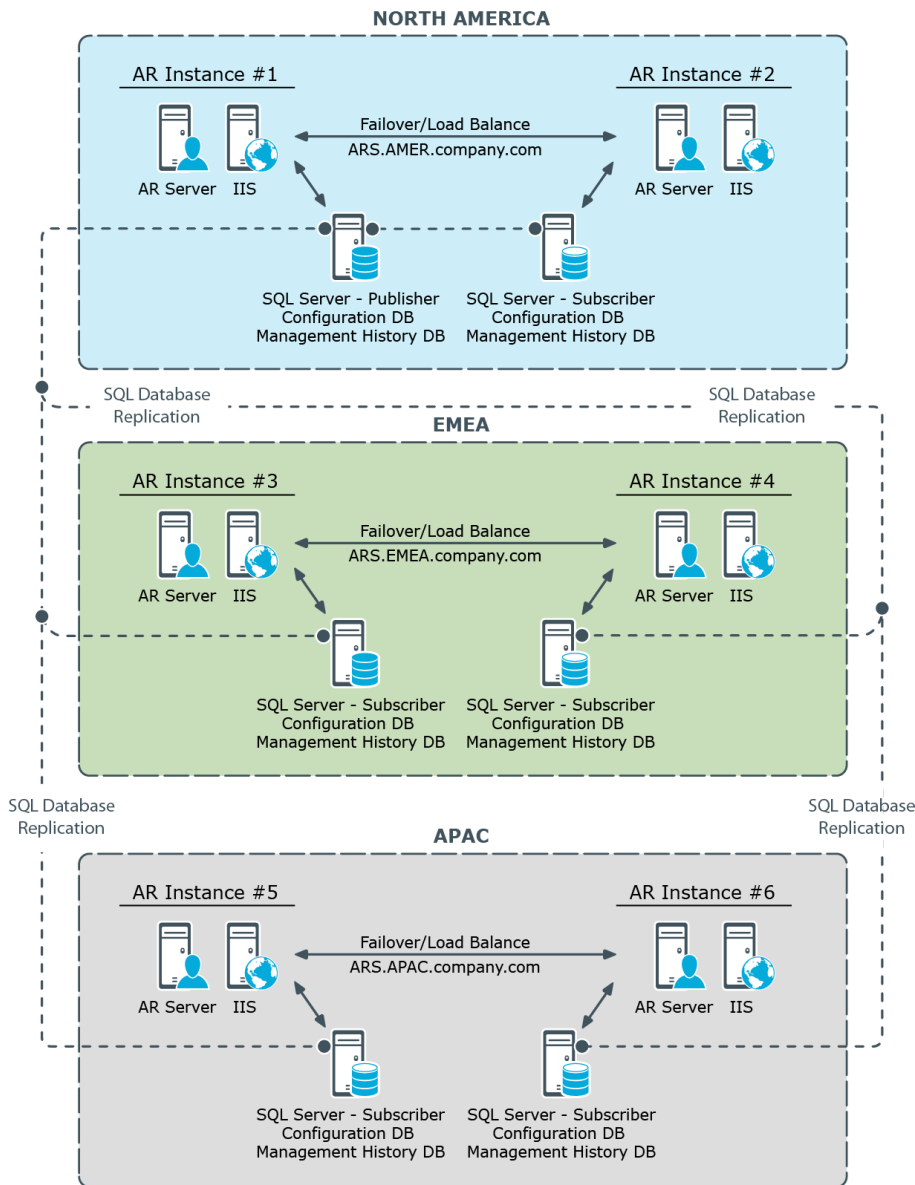
If you have multiple DCs in the same site with the AR Service, it will not randomly switch from one DC to other each 10 minutes. When other than the current DC is identified as the nearest DC, the AR Service will switch to the new DC only if the new one is in its home site and the current DC is located in another site, so the AR Service never switches between 2 available DCs in the same site.

By default, the AR Service selects any nearest available DC for a managed domain. This behavior can be configured on a per-Service or per-domain basis. To configure this behavior, use the **DirSync Servers** tab, on the property sheet for a Managed Domain object in the **Configuration/Server Configuration/Managed Domains** folder on the property sheet for an Administration Service object in the **Configuration/Server Configuration/Administration Services** folder, in the Active Roles console). If you choose the **Only specified domain controller** option and the specified DC becomes unavailable, the AR Service will not switch to other DC and the domain will be unavailable for management. For more information, refer to Active Roles Help: click **Help** on the **DirSync Servers** tab, or press F1 in the **DirSync Server Selection** dialog box that appears when you click **Change** on the **DirSync Servers** tab.

SQL database

Total of six SQL Server instances are deployed across the world-wide enterprise to host the Active Roles database, with two instances located in each of three major regions—North America, EMEA, and APAC. Each AR instance has a separate SQL database. The databases are synchronized by means of SQL Server replication function. One of the database servers holds the Publisher role while the others are Subscribers to that Published.

Figure 6: Active Roles using SQL database



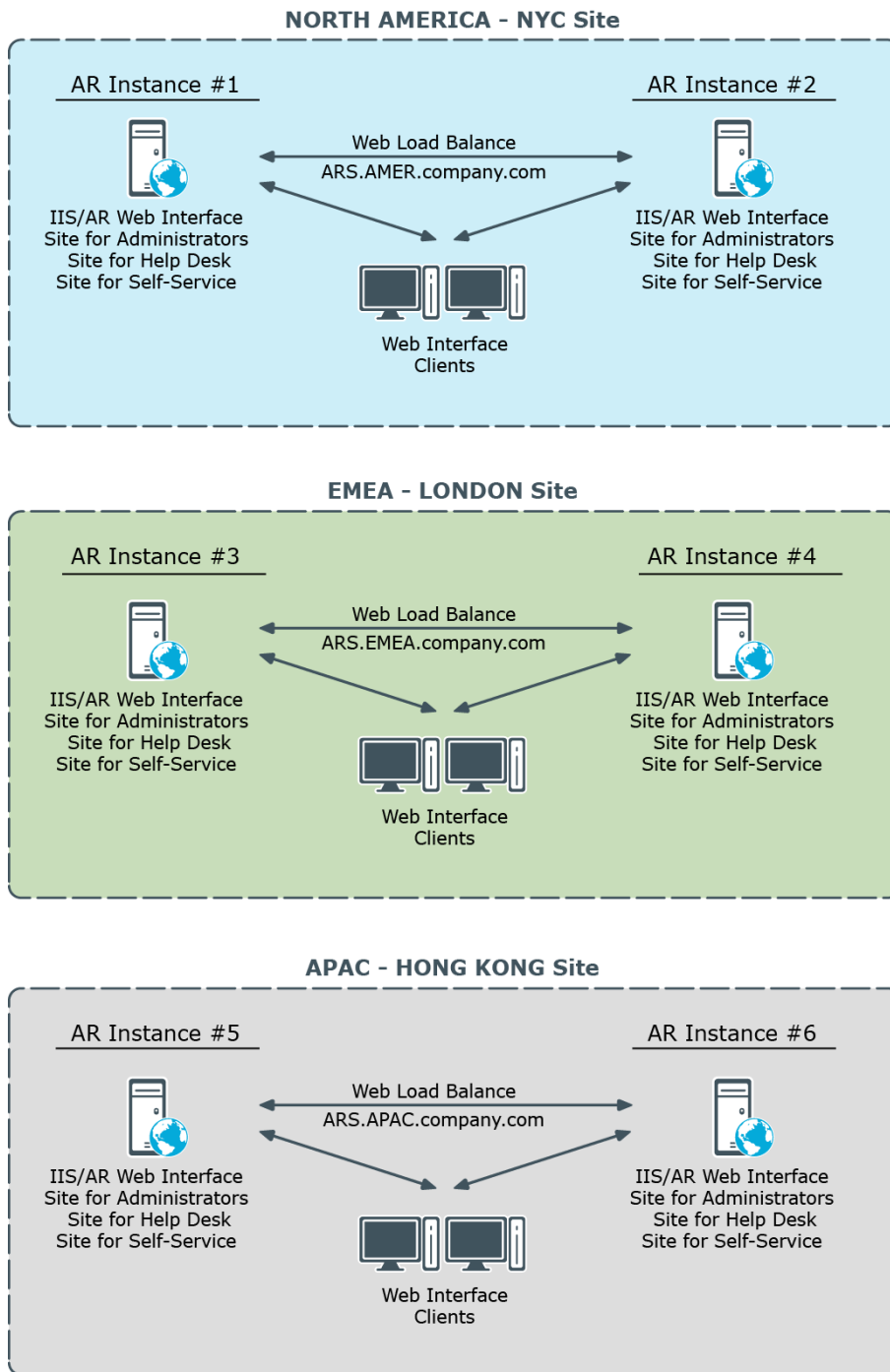
Active Roles normally uses the same database to store both the Configuration and Management History data. The Configuration data applies to the delegation and workflow related objects, such as Access Templates, Police Objects and Managed Units. The virtual attributes created with Active Roles are also stored as part of the Configuration data. The Management History data comprises history of changes that were made to directory objects via Active Roles. In addition, the approval, temporal group membership, and deprovisioning tasks are stored as part of the Management History data. Given a large volume of Management History data, it may be advisable to create a separate Management History database (see "Centralized Management History Storage" in the Active Roles Administration Guide).

Active Roles uses SQL Server merge replication to synchronize the Configuration and Management History data among the databases. One of the databases is configured on the SQL Server instance that holds the Publisher role, while the remaining databases are configured as Subscriber role holders. The instructions on how to configure replication can be found in the Active Roles Administration Guide (see the “Configuring Replication” chapter). Separate instructions are provided in connection with replication of the Management History data (see “Replication of Management History Data” in the Active Roles Administration Guide). To successfully configure replication, ensure that all your SQL Server instances run the same version of SQL Server. If a SQL Server Service Pack is installed on one of the instances, the same Service Pack must be installed on all the instances.

Web Interface

Each of the six AR instances has a separate Web Interface installation, with the AR Service and Web Interface components running together, on the same server. A design where both the AR Service and Web Interface are installed on a single server takes advantage of integrated authentication, which allows domain users to access the Web Interface without being prompted for their user name and password.

Figure 7: Active Roles Web interface deployment



Total of six Web Interface instances are deployed across the world-wide company enterprise, with two instances installed in each of three major regions. In each region two Web Interface instances provide load balancing and failover capabilities. Initially, each AR Service has one dedicated Web Interface instance. However, later it will be possible to

introduce another Web Interface instance for the same AR Service if performance needs to be increased.

Each Web Interface instance comprises several websites. The website configuration is synchronized among the Web Interface instances by means of SQL database replication (the website configuration settings are stored as a part of Active Roles configuration data). This allows you to customize a website on a single Web Interface instance and be sure that the replication function will apply the customization changes across all Web Interface instances.

The Web Interface provides rich customization capabilities out of the box, so Web Interface sites can be easily configured to show or hide certain fields or attributes to the end-user, including custom (extended) schema attributes. It is also possible to add or remove commands, create new forms or customize existing pages by adding forms (tabs) and form fields (entries).

The Web Interface ships with three built-in website templates:

- Default site for Administrators
- Default site for Help Desk
- Default site for Self-administration

You can use these templates to create new Web Interface sites and then customize each of the new sites as needed. Thus, you may deploy multiple Help Desk sites, having each customized individually. To create new Web Interface sites and site configurations Active Roles provides the Web Interface Sites Configuration wizard. You can open the wizard from the Start menu on any server running the Web Interface. The wizard is mainly intended to:

- Create a new Web Interface site with an existing configuration. This option only allows you to select a Web Interface site configuration that already exists in your Active Roles environment. Use this option when deploying a new Web Interface instance to add an existing custom Web Interface site to that instance.
- Create a new Web Interface site with a new configuration. This option only allows you to select one of the three built-in website templates, and creates a new Web Interface site configuration based on the template you select. Use this option to create a new Web Interface site on one of your Web Interface instances. On the other instances the new site should be deployed by selecting the site configuration you have created.

When deploying a new Web Interface instance, it is important to understand that only three default Web Interface sites are installed out of the box. To add a custom Web Interface site to a newly installed Web Interface instance, you should use the Web Interface Sites Configuration wizard.

System requirements

Active Roles Setup includes the following components:

- Administration Service
- Console (MMC Interface)
- Web Interface
- Management Tools
- Synchronization Service

The Active Roles Release Notes document, included on the Active Roles distribution media, provides information about the hardware and software requirements for each of these components.

The Active Roles distribution media includes separate installation packages for additional components, such as Add-in for Outlook, Collector and Report Pack. The system requirements for these components are as follows:

Table 1:
Active Roles Add-in for Outlook requirements

Requirement	Details
Microsoft Office Outlook	Microsoft Office Outlook 2010 or later (32-bit)
	NOTE: The Active Roles Add-in for Outlook does not support the 64-bit version of Microsoft Office Outlook.
Other Microsoft Office features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .NET Programmability Support for Microsoft Office Outlook • Microsoft Forms 2.0.NET Programmability Support
Microsoft .NET Framework	Microsoft .NET Framework 4.7.2

Table 2:
Active Roles Collector and Report Pack requirements

Requirement	Details
Operating system	Any operating system listed in requirements for Active Roles Console
SQL Server	Any SQL Server version listed in requirements for Administration Service
SQL Server Reporting Services	Any SQL Server version listed in requirements for Administration Service
Microsoft .NET Framework	Microsoft .NET Framework 4.7.2
Active Roles ADSI Provider	Management Tools of the current Active Roles version must be installed

Active Roles Setup package

The Active Roles distribution Media folder constitutes the following:

- ActiveRoles.exe
- Components
- Documentation
- Redistributables
- Solutions
- Active Roles Release Notes

Table 3: Active Roles Media contents and description

Media content	Description
ActiveRoles.exe	The executable file allows you to start the Setup wizard and install the Active Roles components.
Components	Provides separate installer files for the following Active Roles components which enables you to install the default Active Roles components individually: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADSI Provider • Configuration Center • Management Shell • MMC Console • Administration Service • Web Interface • ActiveRoles Synchronization Service
Documentation	Provides the product documentation including the Resource Usage calculation file.
Redistributables	Provides the pre-requisite redistributables for the latest Active Roles version

Media content	Description
Solutions	<p>Provides the installer files for the following additional components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add-in for Outlook • Add-on Manager • Collector and Report Pack • Configuration Transfer Wizard • Diagnostic Tools • Management Pack for SCOM • SPML Provider • Sync Service Capture Agent • Administrative Template
Release Notes	<p>Provides information about the latest Active Roles release and the hardware and software requirements for Active Roles and its components.</p>

Active Roles installation

The Active Roles distribution Media folder contains the executable file and installers for the default and additional components that enable you to install Active Roles and its components on your computer.

To install Active Roles and its components

1. Before installing Active Roles and its components, make sure that all installation prerequisites are met. For information on the hardware and software requirements for each component, see System Requirements in the *Active Roles Release Notes*.

NOTE: Installing the requisite Active Roles components to an offline Active Roles server (with no internet connection available) requires manual installation steps. For more information, see [Knowledge Base Article 299533](#).

2. Navigate to the location of the Active Roles distribution package, double-click **ActiveRoles.exe** and start the Setup wizard.
3. Follow the instructions in the Setup wizard.

Based on the components selected, the Administration Service, Configuration Center, Web Interface, Management Shell, MMC Console, and ADSI Provider are installed on the system.

Alternatively, you can also download the installer file and install individual components manually from the respective component folder.

4. Configure the Administration Service and other installed components.

NOTE: The Administration Service must be configured and running to configure and start any other Active Roles components.

- For information on installing and configuring the Administration Service see [Deploying the Administration Service](#) section.
- For information on installing and configuring the user interfaces see the [Deploying user interfaces](#) section.

5. In addition to Active Roles default components, you can install and configure the following additional solutions components provided by Active Roles:

- Add-in for Outlook
- Add-on Manager
- Collector and Report Pack
- Configuration Transfer Wizard
- Diagnostic Tools
- Management Pack for SCOM
- SPML Provider
- Sync Service Capture Agent
- Administrative Template

For information on installing and configuring the additional solutions components, see [Installing additional components](#).

NOTE: For more information on extending the Active Roles provisioning and account administration capabilities to your cloud applications, click **Learn More** in the **Setup Progress** window.

Unattended installation of Active Roles components

Active Roles supports Command line options for the installation of Active Roles Server. The following is a list of command line options available with Active Roles Server 8.1.3:

- `ActiveRoles.exe`
Launches the Setup wizard.
- `ActiveRoles.exe /quiet [parameters]`
Quiet mode, no user interaction. Also known as a silent or unattended installation.
- Parameter syntax
`/parameter [properties]`
Use a space character to separate properties.
- Properties
`ADDLOCAL=`
Comma-separated list of Active Roles components to install.
`REMOVE=`
Comma-separated list of Active Roles components to remove.
`TARGETDIR=`
Path to the desired install folder.
- Component names
 - ALL - all components
 - Service - Administration Service
 - Web - Web Interface
 - Console - Console (MMC Interface)
 - Tools - Management Tools
 - SyncService - Synchronization Service
- Parameters

- **/IAcceptActiveRolesLicenseTerms**
 - Required when both the /quiet and /install parameters are specified.
 - By specifying this parameter, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the terms in the Active Roles license agreement.
- **/install [optional properties]**
 - Takes effect if no Active Roles components installed. Otherwise, disregarded.
 - Installs components specified by ADDLOCAL property to TARGETDIR folder.
 - If ADDLOCAL omitted, installs all components except Synchronization Service.
 - To install Synchronization Service, you have to specify ADDLOCAL=SyncService.
 - If TARGETDIR omitted, installs to %programfiles%\One Identity\Active Roles\.

Examples:

```
ActiveRoles.exe /quiet /install /IAcceptActiveRolesLicenseTerms
```

```
ActiveRoles.exe /quiet /install ADDLOCAL=Service,Console /IAcceptActiveRolesLicenseTerms
```

```
ActiveRoles.exe /quiet /install ADDLOCAL=Console TARGETDIR=D:\Active Roles\ /IAcceptActiveRolesLicenseTerms
```

- **/modify ADDLOCAL= | REMOVE=**
 - Takes effect if any Active Roles components installed. Otherwise, disregarded.
 - Installs components specified by ADDLOCAL property or
 - Removes components specified by REMOVE property.

Examples:

```
ActiveRoles.exe /quiet /modify ADDLOCAL=Web
```

```
ActiveRoles.exe /quiet /modify REMOVE=Console
```

- **/repair**
 - Takes effect if any Active Roles components installed. Otherwise, disregarded.
 - Repairs all installed components.

Example:

```
ActiveRoles.exe /quiet /repair
```

- **/uninstall**
 - Takes effect if any Active Roles components installed. Otherwise, disregarded.
 - Uninstalls all components. Error conditions may terminate uninstall.

Example:

```
ActiveRoles.exe /quiet /uninstall
```

- /forceuninstall
 - Takes effect if any Active Roles components are installed; otherwise, disregarded.
 - Use this parameter to uninstall all components if errors prevent normal uninstall.

Example:

```
ActiveRoles.exe /quiet /forceuninstall
```

- /forcerestart
 - Auto-restarts the computer when a restart is required to complete the requested
 - setup actions. Without this parameter, you may have to restart the computer manually
 - after running Setup (for example, if Setup needs to update any files that are in use).

Examples:

```
ActiveRoles.exe /quiet /uninstall /forcerestart
```

```
ActiveRoles.exe /quiet /repair /forcerestart
```

Active Roles uninstallation

You can uninstall Active Roles via the system-provided uninstaller of the operating system.

To uninstall Active Roles and its components

1. On the system where Active Roles is installed, go to the **Control Panel**, and navigate to **Programs > Programs and Features**.
2. In the list of installed programs, right-click on **One Identity Active Roles**, and click **Uninstall/Change**.

The Active Roles Setup window is displayed.

3. Click **Remove**.

The Active Roles Setup - Ready to Remove dialog box is displayed.

4. Click **Remove**, to uninstall Active Roles.

NOTE: Alternatively, click **Modify** to add or remove the Active Roles components. Click **Repair** to re-install the corrupt files in Active Roles.

Deploying the Administration Service

Use the following checklist to ensure that you are ready to install the Administration Service.

Table 4: Checklist: Deploying the Administration Service

Item to Check	Description
Administration Service computer	<p>The Administration Service can be installed on any computer that meets the hardware and software requirements.</p> <p>It is not mandatory to install the Administration Service on a domain controller. However, the Administration Service computer must have reliable network connections with at least one of the domain controllers for each managed domain.</p>
SQL Server	<p>The Administration Service requires Microsoft SQL Server. One Identity recommends to have SQL Server and the Administration Service on different systems with reliable network connection. Administration Service can now be configured on Azure databases namely Azure SQL database, Azure SQL Managed Instance and Azure SQL Elastic Pool. One Identity recommends to have proper network topology to allow the Azure database configuration.</p>
Administration Service account	<p>The Administration Service logs on with the account that you specify during installation. The account must have sufficient rights for Active Roles to function properly.</p> <p>Active Roles uses the Administration Service account when accessing a managed domain unless an override account is specified when registering the domain with Active Roles. Therefore, the Administration Service account must have the appropriate rights in any domain for which an override account is not specified.</p> <p>Additionally, the Administration Service account must have sufficient permissions to publish the Administration Service in Active Directory.</p> <p>Information about how to configure the Administration Service</p>

Item to Check	Description
Account used for connection to SQL Server	<p>account and an override account can be found later in this document.</p> <p>When installing the Administration Service you may configure it to use Windows authentication or SQL Server authentication or Azure AD authentication.</p> <p>If you choose Windows authentication, the connection is established using the Administration Service account. In this case, the service account must at minimum be a member of the db_owner fixed database role and have the default schema of dbo in the Active Roles database.</p> <p>If you choose SQL Server authentication, the connection is established with the login you are prompted to specify when installing the Administration Service. This login must at minimum be a member of the db_owner fixed database role and have the default schema of dbo in the Active Roles database.</p> <p>For connecting to Azure SQL database variants like SQL database and Elastic Pool database using SQL server authentication, the login must be a member of the dbmanager fixed database role and have the default schema of dbo in the Active Roles database.</p> <p>If you choose Azure Active Directory authentication, the connection is established with the login you are prompted to specify when installing the Administration Service.</p> <p>For more information on what permissions must be granted to the account for connection to SQL Server, see SQL Server permissions.</p>
Active Roles Admin	<p>Active Roles Admin is a group for which Active Roles does not perform permission checking. If the Administration Service itself has sufficient rights to perform a certain task, then Active Roles Admin can also perform that task using Active Roles.</p> <p>In addition, Active Roles Admin is authorized to perform any task related to the Active Roles configuration, such as adding managed domains and managing replication settings. Therefore, the membership in the Active Roles Admin group should be restricted to highly trusted individuals.</p> <p>By default, Active Roles Admin is the Administrators local group on the computer running the Administration Service. You can change this setting when installing the Administration Service.</p>

Active Roles service account minimum permissions

As Active Roles performs operations on objects on behalf of delegated users, the Active Roles service account requires adequate permissions. It is recommended that the Active Roles proxy account be given the Domain Admin membership to ensure that Active Roles has all the required access.

It is possible to separate the tasks managed by the service account from Domain management by specifying different accounts for the service and for managing the Domain.

The service account credential has five main roles, two of the roles are optional:

- Accessing local resources on the Active Roles Administration Service host.
- Creating the Service Connection Point in Active Directory- This functionality is non-critical and do not prevent the service from functioning as expected. Active Roles clients do not automatically discover the Active Roles Administration Service. Active Roles Clients will still be able to connect if the service name or IP address is available.
- All script modules are initiated under the security context of the Active Roles Service Account.
- Connecting to the Microsoft SQL database- This is optional, as an SQL Authentication credential may also be specified.
- Synchronizing native permissions to Active Directory- This is required only if Active Roles is configured to do so.

Access to the Administration Service computer

The service account must be a member of the Administrators group on the computer running the Administration Service.

Service publication in Active Directory

The Administration Service attempts to publish itself in the Active Directory. This enables Active Roles clients to automatically discover the Administration Service. This functionality is non-critical and if permissions are not granted, this will not prevent the service from functioning as expected, instead Active Roles clients won't automatically discover the Active Roles Administration Service. They will still be able to connect if the service name or IP address is available. Service publication requires that the service account have the following permissions on the Aelita sub-container of the System container in the domain of the computer running the Administration Service:

- Create Container Objects
- Create **serviceConnectionPoint** Objects
- Delete the **serviceConnectionPoint** objects in the System container

- Write permission for the keywords attribute of the **serviceConnectionPoint** objects in the System container

Along with the mentioned permissions, the service account (or the override account, if specified), must have these permissions on the Aelita sub-container of the System container in every managed domain. If an account has the domain administrator rights, then it has the required permissions by default. Otherwise, provide the permissions to the account by using the ADSI Edit console. The following instructions apply to the ADSI Edit console that ships with Windows Server 2016, Windows Server 2019, or Windows Server 2022.

To grant permissions for Administration Service publication in Active Directory

1. Open the ADSI Edit console and connect to the Domain naming context.
2. In the console tree, expand the System container, right-click the Aelita subcontainer, and then click Properties. If the Aelita container does not exist, create it: right-click System, point to New, click Object, and then, in the Create Object wizard, select the Container class and specify Aelita for the cn value.
3. On the Security tab in the Properties dialog box, click Advanced.
4. On the Permissions tab in the Advanced Security Settings dialog box, click Add.
5. On the Permission Entry page, configure the permission entry:
 - Click the Select a principal link, and select the desired account.
 - Verify that the Type box indicates Allow.
 - Verify that the Applies onto box indicates This object and all descendant objects.
 - In the Permissions area, select the Create container objects and Create serviceConnectionPoint objects check boxes.
 - Click OK
6. Click OK to close the Advanced Security Settings dialog box, and then click OK to close the Properties dialog box.

All script modules are executed under the security context of the Active Roles Service Account

The permissions needed by custom scripts will vary according to the needs of the scripts, and ideally should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis as a Best Practice security model.

Connecting to the Microsoft SQL database

In some configurations, assigning these permissions to the service account are optional, as a SQL Authentication credential may also be specified and the necessary permissions then be assigned to that SQL Authentication credential. For more information on the necessary SQL Server permissions, see *SQL Server Permissions* topic.

Synchronizing native permissions to Active Directory

The service account must have the Read Permissions and Modify Permissions rights on the Active Directory objects and containers where it is desired to use the Active Roles security synchronization feature.

Configuring the Administration Service account

When installing the Administration Service, you are prompted for the name and password of the Administration Service account—the account the Administration Service logs on to. This account must have sufficient permissions to:

- Gain administrative access to the computer running the Administration Service.
- Publish the Administration Service in Active Directory.
- Access any managed domain for which an override account is not specified.

NOTE: When registering a domain with Active Roles, you can specify an override account. If you specify an override account, the Administration Service uses the override account rather than the service account to access the domain.

Access to managed domains

Active Roles access to a domain is limited by the access rights of the service account, or the override account, if specified. For all managed domains with no override account specified, you should configure the service account to have permissions you want Active Roles to have in those domains. If you use an override account when registering a domain with Active Roles, ensure that the override account (rather than the service account) has these permissions for the domain. In addition, the service account (or the override account, if any) must have the **Read Permissions** and **Modify Permissions** rights on the Active Directory objects and containers where you are planning to use the Active Roles security synchronization feature.

For more information, see [Active Roles service account minimum permissions](#).

Access to Exchange Organizations

To manage Exchange recipients on Exchange Server Subscription Edition, configure the service account or the override account to have sufficient rights in the Exchange organization. Delegate the rights to the service account if no override account is used. Otherwise, delegate the rights to the override account.

To configure the service account or the override account

1. Add the account to the **Recipient Management** role group.
For more information, see [Manage role group members in Exchange Server](#) in the *Microsoft Exchange documentation*.
2. Add the account to the **Account Operators** domain security group.
3. Enable the account to use remote Exchange Management Shell.
For more information, see [Use the Exchange Management Shell to enable or disable remote access for a user](#) in the *Microsoft Exchange PowerShell documentation*.
4. Ensure that the account can read Exchange configuration data. For more information, see [Permission to read Exchange configuration data](#).
5. Restart the Administration Service after you have changed the account configuration. To do so, start the Active Roles Configuration Center, navigate to the **Administration Service** page, then click **Restart**.

NOTE: Consider the following:

- The Active Roles service account must be a part of the **Recipient Management group** to run Exchange hybrid commands.
- The Exchange management tools are not required on the computer running the Administration Service.

Permission to read Exchange configuration data

To perform Exchange recipient management tasks, Active Roles requires read access to Exchange configuration data in Active Directory. This requirement is met if the service account (or the override account, if specified) has administrator rights (for example, is a member of the **Domain Admins** or **Organization Management** group). Otherwise, you should give the account the Read permission in the **Microsoft Exchange** container. You can do this by using the ADSI Edit console as follows (these instructions apply to the ADSI Edit console that ships with Windows Server 2016, Windows Server 2019, or Windows Server 2022).

To provide Read permission for Active Roles

1. Open the ADSI Edit console and connect to the Configuration naming context.
2. In the ADSI Edit console, navigate to the **Configuration > Services** container, right-click **Microsoft Exchange** in that container, and then click **Properties**.
3. On the **Security** tab in the **Properties** dialog box that appears, click **Advanced**.
4. On the **Permissions** tab in the **Advanced Security Settings** dialog box, click **Add**.
5. On the **Permission Entry** page, configure the permission entry:
 - a. Click the **Select a principal** link, and select the desired account.
 - b. Verify that the **Type** box indicates **Allow**.

- c. Verify that the **Applies onto** box indicates **This object and all descendant objects**.
 - d. In the **Permissions** area, select the **List contents** and **Read all properties** check boxes.
 - e. Click **OK**.
6. Click **OK** to close the **Advanced Security Settings** dialog box, and then click **OK** to close the **Properties** dialog box.

Support for remote Exchange Management Shell

When performing Exchange recipient management tasks on Exchange Server, Active Roles uses remote Exchange Management Shell to communicate with Exchange Server, so you do not need to install the Exchange management tools on the computer running the Administration Service.

To use remote Exchange Management Shell, the Administration Service must be running on a computer that has:

- A Windows Server version supported by Active Roles (see *System requirements* in the *Active Roles Release Notes*).
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.7.2 installed see <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=53321>).
- Windows Management Framework 5.1 installed (see "Windows Management Framework 5.1" at <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=54616>).

Remote Shell also requires the following:

- TCP port 80 must be open between the computer running the Administration Service and the remote Exchange server.
- The user account the Administration Service uses to connect to the remote Exchange server (the service account or the override account) must be enabled for remote Shell. To enable a user account for remote Shell, update that user account by using the `Set-User` cmdlet with the `RemotePowerShellEnabled` parameter set to `$True`.
- Windows PowerShell script execution must be enabled on the computer running the Administration Service. To enable script execution for signed scripts, run the `Set-ExecutionPolicy RemoteSigned` command in an elevated Windows PowerShell window.

Access to managed AD LDS instances

Active Roles access to Active Directory Lightweight Directory Services (AD LDS) instances is limited by the access rights of the service account, or the override account, if specified. For all managed AD LDS instances with no override account specified, you should configure the service account to have permissions you want Active Roles to have in those instances. If you use an override account when registering an AD LDS instance with Active Roles, ensure that the override account (rather than the service account) has these permissions for that instance.

To control access to directory data, AD LDS provides four default, role-based groups: **Administrators**, **Instances**, **Readers**, and **Users**. These groups reside in the configuration partition and in each application partition, but not in the schema partition. To register an AD LDS instance with Active Roles, the service account or, if specified, the override account must, at a minimum, be a member of the following groups:

- **Instances** (CN=Instances,CN=Roles) in the configuration partition
- **Readers** (CN=Readers,CN=Roles) in the configuration partition and in each application partition

To allow Active Roles full access to the AD LDS instance, add the account to the following group:

- **Administrators** (CN=Administrators,CN=Roles) in the configuration partition

If you add the account to the **Administrators** group, you don't need to add it to the **Instances** or **Readers** group.

Access to file servers

To enable Active Roles to perform the provisioning and deprovisioning tasks related to user home folders and home shares, the service account (or the override account, if specified) must belong to the Server Operators or Administrators group on each file server that hosts the user home folders to be administered by Active Roles.

Active Roles provides the following policy categories to automate the management of user home folders and home shares:

- **Home Folder AutoProvisioning**: Performs the provisioning actions needed to assign home folders and home shares to user accounts, including the creation of home folders for newly created user accounts and renaming home folders upon renaming of user accounts. Specifies the server on which to create home folders and shares, and configures access rights to the newly created home folders and shares.
- **Home Folder Deprovisioning**: Makes the changes needed to prevent deprovisioned users from accessing their home folders, including the removal of the user's permissions on the home folder, changing the ownership of the home folder, and deleting the home folder when the user account is deleted.

The service account or override account must be configured so that it has sufficient rights to perform the operations provided for by those policies: create, modify (including the ability to change permission settings and ownership), and delete folders and shares on the designated file servers.

You can give the required permissions to the service account or override account by adding that account to the appropriate administrative group (Administrators or Server Operators) on each file server where you are planning Active Roles to manage user home folders.

Access to BitLocker recovery information

Viewing BitLocker recovery passwords in Active Roles requires the domain administrator rights for the account being used by the Active Roles Administration Service to access the domain. Ensure that the service account or, if specified, the override account is a member

of the Domain Admins group in each managed domain where you want to use Active Roles for viewing BitLocker recovery passwords.

With the domain administrator rights given to the Active Roles Administration Service, Active Roles allows delegated administrators to locate and view BitLocker recovery passwords held in the Active Directory domain. To view BitLocker recovery passwords, the delegated administrator must be granted the appropriate permissions in Active Roles. The following Access Template provides sufficient permissions to view BitLocker recovery passwords:

- Computer Objects - View BitLocker Recovery Keys

In addition, viewing BitLocker recovery passwords in a given domain requires the following:

- The domain must be configured to store BitLocker recovery information (see <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/dd875529.aspx>).
- The computers protected by BitLocker must be joined to the domain.
- BitLocker Drive Encryption must be enabled on the computers.

The BitLocker recovery information is displayed on the **BitLocker Recovery** tab in the computer object's **Properties** dialog box, in the Active Roles console. It is also possible to perform domain-wide searches for BitLocker recovery passwords.

SQL Server permissions

This section discusses the SQL Server permissions required to:

- Configure the Active Roles Administration Service (configuration permissions)
- Run the Active Roles Administration Service (operation permissions)
- Configure replication in Active Roles (replication configuration permissions)
- Run Active Roles replication (replication agent permissions)

Configuration permissions

NOTE: Due to improved security measures in connecting Active Roles to SQL Server, in the **SQL Server Configuration Manager**, in **SQL Server Network Configuration > Protocols for MSSQLSERVER**, you must assign a valid and trusted certificate to SQL Server.

The account that you use when configuring the Administration Service must have sufficient rights on SQL Server to perform the configuration tasks.

Which account is used to access SQL Server during configuration of the Administration Service depends upon the SQL Server connection option you select in the wizard for configuring the Administration Service. If you select the option to use Windows authentication, the wizard accesses SQL Server with the Windows user account under which the wizard is running. If you select the option to use SQL Server authentication, then

the wizard accesses SQL Server with the SQL login and password that you specify in the wizard.

NOTE: Windows authentication is not applicable for configuring Active Roles on Azure database server.

The required rights of the account that is used to access SQL Server during configuration vary depending on your configuration scenario:

- If you want the wizard to create a new database for the Administration Service, then the account must be a member of the **dbcreator** fixed server role.
- For Azure SQL database variants, Azure SQL database and Azure SQL on elastic pool **dbmanager** role must be provided to the Server Admin to create databases.
- However, for variant Azure SQL Managed instance, the **dbcreator** fixed server role should be provided.
- If you want the wizard to import data from the Active Roles database of an earlier version, then the account must be a member of the **db_datareader** fixed database role in the source database.
- If you want the wizard to configure the Administration Service to use an existing database of the current version, then the account must be a member of the **db_owner** fixed database role and have the default schema of **dbo** in that database.
- If you want the wizard to use an existing blank database for the Administration Service, then the account must be a member of the **db_owner** fixed database role and have the default schema of **dbo** in that database.

Operation permissions

The Administration Service accesses its database with the account specified during configuration:

- If the option to use Windows authentication is selected in the wizard for configuring the Administration Service, then the Administration Service uses its service account to access the database.
- If the option to use SQL Server authentication is selected, then the Administration Service accesses the database with the SQL login and password supplied in the configuration wizard.

In either case, the account must have sufficient rights on SQL Server to retrieve data from, and make changes to, the database. The required rights vary depending on the role of the Administration Service's database server in the Active Roles replication environment.

NOTE: Active Roles does not support replication on Azure SQL databases.

Standalone mode

When initially installed, the Administration Service's database is configured not to participate in Active Roles replication. This configuration is referred to as *standalone*

Administration Service. The account that the standalone Administration Service uses to access the database must at a minimum be a member of the **db_owner** fixed database role and have the default schema of **dbo** in that database.

Publisher mode

If the Administration Service's database server holds the role of the Publisher in Active Roles replication, then the account the Administration Service uses to access the database must at a minimum be a member of the **db_owner** fixed database role and have the default schema of **dbo** in that database. Additional rights are required if you want to see the replication status information and error messages in the Active Roles console. These additional rights are as follows:

- Default schema of **dbo** in the **msdb** system database.
- **SELECT** permission on the **sysjobs**, **sysjobsteps** and **MSagent_parameters** system tables in the **msdb** system database.
- **SELECT** permission on the **sys.servers** system view in the **master** system database.
- **EXECUTE** permission on the **xp_sqlagent_enum_jobs** system extended stored procedure in the **master** system database.
- **SELECT** permission on the **MSmerge_agents**, **MSmerge_history**, **MSmerge_sessions**, **MSsnapshot_agents** and **MSsnapshot_history** system tables in the distribution database (**AelitaDistributionDB** database by default).

Subscriber mode

If the Administration Service's database server holds the role of a Subscriber in Active Roles replication, then the account that the Administration Service uses to access the database requires the same rights as in standalone mode: The account must at a minimum be a member of the **db_owner** fixed database role and have the default schema of **dbo** in that database.

Replication configuration permissions

After you install and configure two or more Administration Service instances, each with its own database, you can deploy replication, if necessary, to synchronize the databases so that all your Administration Service instances have the same configuration and management history. Replication deployment begins when you configure the Publisher. Once the Publisher has been configured, the next step is to configure Subscribers. The task of configuring the Publisher or a Subscriber requires more rights on SQL Server than the Administration Service needs for normal operation. To elevate the rights of the Administration Service, Active Roles prompts for an alternative account. The following topics elaborate on the permissions needed to create the Publisher or add a Subscriber.

Permissions for creating or removing the Publisher

To create the Publisher, the Administration Service needs **sysadmin** rights on SQL Server. If the Administration Service's account for database access does not belong to the

sysadmin role, then Active Roles prompts you to supply an alternative account. The alternative account must:

- Be a member of the **sysadmin** fixed server role on the database server you are going to make the Publisher.

Active Roles does not store the login name and password of this account. It only uses the login name and password of this account to configure the Publisher.

The same permissions are required for removing (demoting) the Publisher.

Permissions for adding or removing a Subscriber

To add a Subscriber, the Administration Service's database server must hold the Publisher role. When adding a Subscriber, the Administration Service makes changes on the Publisher database server and on the database server being configured as a Subscriber (Subscriber database server). Therefore, the Administration Service needs sufficient rights on both database servers.

On the Publisher database server, the Administration Service needs **sysadmin** rights. If the Administration Service's account for database access does not belong to the **sysadmin** role, then Active Roles prompts you to supply an alternative account for connection to the Publisher database server. The alternative account must:

- Be a member of the **sysadmin** fixed server role on the Publisher database server.

Active Roles does not store the login name and password of this account. It only uses the login name and password of this account to configure the Subscriber.

On the database server you are going to make a Subscriber, the Administration Service needs **db_owner** rights in the Active Roles database. If the Administration Service's account for database access does not have sufficient rights on the Subscriber database server, then Active Roles prompts you to supply an alternative account for connection to the Subscriber database server. The alternative account must:

- Be a member of the **db_owner** fixed database role in the Active Roles database on the database server you are going to make a Subscriber.
- Have the default schema of **dbo** in that database.

Active Roles does not store the login name and password of this account. It only uses the login name and password of this account to configure the Subscriber.

The same permissions are required for removing a Subscriber.

Replication agent permissions

In Active Roles replication, SQL Server replication agents (Merge Agents) are used to synchronize data between the Publisher and Subscriber databases. Each Subscriber has a dedicated replication agent running on SQL Server that hosts the Publisher database. Since the agent's role is to maintain the Publisher and Subscriber databases in sync with each other, the agent needs sufficient rights to access both the Publisher and Subscriber database servers.

The Administration Service creates and configures a replication agent when adding a Subscriber. In terms of SQL Server, this is a Merge Agent for a push subscription. According to SQL Server Books Online (see "Replication Agent Security Model" at msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms151868.aspx), Merge Agent for a push subscription requires the following permissions.

The Windows account under which the agent runs is used when it makes connections to the Publisher and Distributor. This account must:

- At a minimum be a member of the **db_owner** fixed database role in the distribution database (**AelitaDistributionDB** database by default).
- Be a member of the publication access list (PAL).
- Be a login that is associated with a user in the publication database (the Active Roles database on the Publisher).
- Have read permissions on the snapshot share (by default, this is the **ReplData** folder on the administrative share C\$).

The account used to connect to the Subscriber must at minimum be a member of the **db_owner** fixed database role in the subscription database (the Active Roles database on the Subscriber).

By default, the security settings of a Merge Agent configured by Active Roles are as follows:

- The account under which the Merge Agent runs and makes connections to the Publisher and Distributor is the Windows service account of the SQL Server Agent service.
- The account the Merge Agent uses to connect to the Subscriber is the account under which the Merge Agent runs.

This means that, by default, Active Roles requires that the account of the SQL Server Agent service have all permissions the Merge Agent needs to make connections both to the Publisher/Distributor and to the Subscriber.

When adding a Subscriber, you have the option to supply a separate login for connection to the Subscriber. If you choose that option, the Merge Agent will use the login you supply (rather than the account of the SQL Server Agent service) to make connections to the Subscriber. In this case, it is the login you supply that must have **db_owner** rights in the subscription database. The SQL Server Agent service does not need to have any rights in the subscription database. However, it still must have all permissions the Merge Agent needs to make connections to the Publisher and Distributor.

Steps to deploy the Administration Service

Active Roles requires Microsoft .NET Framework 4.7.2. See <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=53345> for instructions on how to update .NET Framework.

The Administration Service requires Microsoft SQL Server or Azure SQL database server. SQL Server may be installed on the Administration Service computer or on a different network computer. If you do not have Microsoft SQL Server deployed in your environment, you can download Microsoft SQL Server 2014 Service Pack 3 (SP3) from the [Microsoft Download Center](#).

Azure SQL Database variants supported in Active Roles are Azure SQL database, Azure SQL Managed Instance, and Azure SQL Elastic Pool.

Now that you have access to SQL Server, you can install the Administration Service.

This section provides a guidance on how to install and configure a new instance of the Administration Service. For more information on how to upgrade an existing Administration Service instance of an earlier version, see [Upgrading the Administration Service](#).

To install the Administration Service files

1. Log on with a user account that has administrator rights on the computer.
2. Navigate to the location of the Active Roles distribution package, and start the Setup wizard by double-clicking `ActiveRoles.exe`.
3. Accept the license agreement and click **Next**.
4. On the **Component Selection** page, make sure that the **Administration Service** component is selected, and click **Next**.
5. On the **Ready to Install** page, review the summary and click **Install**.
6. On the **Completion** page, make sure that **I want to perform configuration** is selected, and to launch the Configuration Center, click **Finish**.

The Setup wizard only installs the files. After you have completed the Setup wizard, you need to configure the newly installed Administration Service instance by using Active Roles Configuration Center that opens automatically if you select the **I want to perform configuration** check box on the **Completion** page in the Setup wizard. Another way to open Configuration Center is by selecting **Active Roles 8.1.3 Configuration Center** on the **Apps** page or **Start** menu, depending upon the version of your Windows operating system.

To configure the Administration Service

1. In the Configuration Center, under **Administration Service**, click **Configure**.
2. Perform the following steps in the Configure Administration Service wizard that appears:
 - a. On the **Service Account** page, enter the name and password of the domain user account or the service account details of the Group Managed Service Account (gMSA), to be used as the Administration Service account.
 - b. On the **Active Roles Admin** page, accept the default account, or click **Browse** and select the group or user to be designated as Active Roles Admin.
 - c. On the **Database Options** page, select the appropriate option, then follow the instructions in the wizard.

The database options are related to setting up the database for the Administration Service you are configuring.

(Optional) To change the Active Roles Administration Service account

In the Configuration Center, you can change the credentials of the Active Roles Administration Service account.

1. Launch the Active Roles Configuration Center.
2. Click **Administration Service**.
3. On the Service Account, click **Change**.
4. Enter the new credentials and click **Change**.
5. To apply your changes, click **Finish**.

To start using the new credentials, restart the service.

Configuring the initial Administration Service

This section covers the database-related steps of the Configure Administration Service wizard in a scenario where you are configuring the first Administration Service in your environment.

To configure the initial Administration Service

1. On the Configure Administration Service wizard, on the **Database Options** page, select the **New Active Roles database** or the **Existing Active Roles database** option, and then click **Next**.
2. On the **Connection to Database** page, specify a database type, database server instance, database name, and select the authentication option for the Configuration database:
 - a. In the **Database Server name** box, specify a SQL Server instance in the form `<Computer>\<Instance>` (for named instance) or `<Computer>` (for default instance), where `<Computer>` stands for the short name of the computer running SQL Server. The wizard will create the database on the SQL Server instance you specify.
 - b. In the **Database** box, enter a name for the database that will be created.
 - c. Under **Connect using**, select the appropriate authentication option:
 - To have the Administration Service connect to the database using the service account, click **Windows authentication**.

NOTE: Windows authentication is not applicable for configuring Active Roles in Azure database server.

- To have the Administration Service connect to the database using an SQL Server login, click **SQL Server authentication** and enter the login name and password.

- To have the Administration Service connect to the database using an Azure AD login, click Azure Active Directory authentication and provide the login name and password.
- d. (Optional) To configure advanced database settings (connection timeout intervals, failover instances and SQL database auto-shrinking), open the **Advanced Database Properties** dialog by clicking the **Configure advanced database properties** link. Configure any of the available advanced settings.
- In the **Connection Timeout** text box, enter the timeout interval in seconds. This value specifies the time to wait while trying to establish a connection before terminating the attempt and generating an error. The minimum value is 1 second.

NOTE:

- The default connection timeout value corresponds to the SQL OLEDB connection timeout.
- This setting is not applicable to Azure databases.

- (Optional) Select the check box **Enable faster failover for all Availability Groups and Failover Cluster instances** to enable MultiSubnetFailOver, providing faster detection and connection times to active servers. For more information, see [SqlClient Support for High Availability, Disaster Recovery](#) in the *Microsoft ADO.NET* documentation.
- (Optional) Select the check box **Enable SQL auto shrink** to allow background tasks to shrink the SQL database.

NOTE: Consider the following when using this setting:

- Frequent grow and shrink operations can result in performance and fragmentation issues. Therefore, the **Enable SQL auto shrink** setting is not selected by default. One Identity recommends selecting this setting only if your database is already pre-configured and pre-grown to the required size, as this can prevent frequent shrink and growth operations on the database file. For more information on the potential performance issues, see [Recommendations and guidelines for setting the AUTO_SHRINK database option in SQL Server](#) in the *Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Enterprise* documentation.
- The **Enable SQL auto shrink** option is displayed only if the Administration Service is configured with the new Active Roles database option for Configuration Databases or Management History databases.
- This option is not available if you select the **Existing database** or the **New Active Roles database > Use pre-**

created blank database option during configuration.

- This setting is not applicable to Azure databases.

3. On the Connection to MH Database page, perform the steps a to d for the Management history database.
4. Click **Next**, and then complete the **Encryption Key Backup** page as described in [Backup of encryption key](#).

NOTE: This <name of window> window is displayed only if the Administration Service is configured with the **New Active Roles database** option for either the configuration or management history database.

5. Click **Next**, and follow the instructions in the wizard to complete the configuration.

Backup of encryption key

When you configure the initial Administration Service, Configuration Centers creates a database along with a secret key that the Administration Service will use to encrypt and decrypt sensitive data in the database, such as the credentials of the override accounts for managed domains, Azure administrator user password.

The secret key, also referred to as encryption key, is stored in the database using asymmetric cryptography so that it can only be retrieved and decrypted by the Administration Service that knows the private portion of the asymmetric key pair. Storing the secret key in this way ensures the optimal level of protection for security-sensitive data in the Active Roles database.

As the retrieval of the secret key requires knowing the private key related to the public key that was used to encrypt the secret key, you may encounter a situation where a new Administration Service instance attached to an existing Active Roles database is unable to retrieve the secret key. Typically, this is the case when you:

- Attach a new Administration Service instance to an Active Roles database that is used by other instances of the Administration Service while there is no running instance that could decrypt the secret key.
- Import Active Roles configuration data from another database (for example, a databases of an earlier Active Roles version). In this case, you need the secret key that is used for data encryption in the source database. Otherwise, the encrypted data cannot be imported.

If the Administration Service cannot retrieve the secret key from the database, you need a backup copy of the secret key. Configuration Center prompts you to create a backup of the secret key whenever you perform initial configuration of the Administration Service with the option to create a new database.

On the **Encryption Key Backup** page, the Configure Administration Service wizard specifies a file to store a backup copy of the secret key. You can encrypt the backup by protecting the file with a password.

NOTE:

- The encryption key is only used to encrypt passwords for domain override accounts (including AD LDS instances). Other than passwords, we do not encrypt any other data.
- By default, the encryption key will be created in the following folder: **C:\ProgramData\One Identity\Active Roles** with a default name of **ARServiceEncryptionKey-dj-ars<version>.bin**.
- If you lose your encryption key, you can still use Active Roles using one of the following:
 - Since the encryption key is used for the Managed Domain password encryption, you can simply install Active Roles and use a new database and import the settings from the old database. You will be prompted to create a new encryption key file.
 - Another method is to bring up an additional Active Roles service. It can retrieve the encryption key from an already running Active Roles service machine (you will be presented with the option to do so during installation).
 - In case you do not have the encryption file for your original Active Roles service, you can still upgrade to 6.9 from 6.x. You must create a new key if required.
 - If you have multiple Active Roles services sharing one database, you really do not need the encryption key as Active Roles can pull the encryption information from the existing running system.
 - Encryption key file is not used during upgrade.
- You need Active Roles encryption key in the following cases:
 - To add another Active Roles service to existing shared database
 - There are no services connected to the same database up and running
 - You cannot afford re-typing passwords for managed domains

Active Roles encrypts some data, stored in the Active Roles database. Encryption is performed using a symmetric cypher. To use the encrypted data you need the encryption key as the file is password protected. Active Roles stores the encryption key inside the Active Roles database using asymmetric cypher, so Active Roles can get the value of this key from the database.

Active Roles also has logic that allows the service to share this key with other services (like several services per single database). If the key is lost, you need to re-type passwords for the managed domains. The only situation when you would need this file, would be when you want to use existing Active Roles database but cannot afford re-typing passwords for Managed Domains.

To complete the Encryption Key Backup page

1. If you want to change the name or location of the backup file, click the **Browse** button and specify the desired file name and location. The wizard will save a copy of the secret key to the file specified.
2. If you want to encrypt the backup, select the **Protect the backup file with a password** check box, and then type and confirm a password. You will have to enter the specified password to retrieve the key from the backup file. If you lose or forget the password, it cannot be recovered.

Configuring an additional Administration Service

This section covers the database-related steps of the Configure Administration Service wizard in a scenario where:

- At least one instance of the Administration Service version Active Roles is up and running in your environment.
- You are installing one more Administration Service instance for load distribution and fault tolerance.

To configure an additional Administration Service

1. On the **Database Options** page in the Configure Administration Service wizard, select one of the following options, depending upon how you want to synchronize the configuration of the new Administration Service instance with the configuration of the existing Administration Service instances:
 - **Existing Active Roles database** Configures the new Administration Service instance to use the database of an existing Administration Service instance so that the new Administration Service instance has the same configuration as the existing instance.
 - **New Active Roles database** After configuring the new Administration Service instance, you will need to set up Active Roles replication for the new Administration Service instance to have the same configuration as the existing instances.
2. If you have selected the **Existing Active Roles database** option, follow the instructions provided in [Using common database](#).
3. If you have selected the **New Active Roles database** option, use the instruction provided in [Configuring the initial Administration Service](#) to complete the wizard.

The database created by this option holds the pristine configuration of the Administration Service. To update and synchronize the new database with the configuration data of the Administration Service instances that were earlier deployed in your environment, you need to use the replication function. For instructions on how to set up replication of configuration data, see the Active Roles Administration Guide.

Using common database

If you select the **Existing Active Roles database** option on the **Database Options** page, the Configure Administration Service wizard causes the new Administration Service

instance to connect to the database of an existing Administration Service instance. The new instance automatically becomes a replica of the existing one.

This option allows you to centralize the Active Roles configuration storage. You can deploy multiple Administration Service instances of the same configuration without having to synchronize them via replication. Rather, you have the option for multiple Administration Service instances to share configuration data held in a single database on centrally deployed SQL Server.

This option also ensures that the newly deployed Administration Service instance can immediately be used as a replacement for the existing one. Switching between Administration Service instances is transparent to Active Roles users as both instances of the Administration Service have the same configuration.

To configure the Administration Service to share a database

1. On the **Database Options** page in the Configure Administration Service wizard, select the **Existing Active Roles database** option, and then click **Next**.
2. On the **Connection to Database** page, specify Database type, Database Server name, and Database fields. Specify the SQL Server instance and the name of the database being used by an existing instance of the Administration Service version Active Roles.

Specify the SQL Server instance in the form `<Computer>\<Instance>` (for named instance) or `<Computer>` (for default instance), where `<Computer>` stands for the short name of the computer running SQL Server.

3. On the **Connection to Database** page, under **Connect using**, select the appropriate authentication option:
 - To have the Administration Service connect to the database using the service account, click **Windows authentication**.
 - To have the Administration Service connect to the database using an SQL Server login, click **SQL Server authentication** and enter the login name and password.
4. On the **Connection to MH Database** page, specify the database type, database server name, and the name of the database, and select the desired authentication option for the Administration Service connection to the management history database.
5. If you want to configure advanced database properties, click on the link displayed, and select one or both of the following options, based on the requirement, and then click **Apply**.:
 - On the **Advanced Database Properties** dialog box, in the **Connection Timeout** text box, enter the time in seconds. This value indicates the amount of time trying to establish a connection before terminating the attempt and generating an error.

NOTE:

- Default connection time out is as per the SQL OLEDB connection timeout.
- A value of 0 indicates no limit as attempt to connect will wait indefinitely and hence input value is permitted starting from 1 second.
- If any value populated in the field cannot be made null or empty once settings are saved and another valid value must be entered.
If you enter a value less outside the specified range, an error is displayed.
- Select the check box **Enable faster failover for all Availability Groups and Failover Cluster instances** to enable MultiSubnetFailOver.
- The settings available on Advanced Database properties are not applicable for Azure databases.

6. Click **Next**, and follow the instructions in the wizard to complete the configuration.

Advanced scenarios

This section covers the database-related steps of the Configure Administration Service wizard in the following scenarios:

- Using the database of an earlier Administration Service installation
- Using a pre-created, blank database

Using the database of an earlier Administration Service installation

When you deploy the Administration Service, you may need to configure it to use the database of an earlier installation of the Administration Service instead of creating a new database. You may need to do so in the following scenarios:

- Restoring the Active Roles database from a backup, and then configuring the Administration Service to use the restored database.
- Repairing the Active Roles installation by using **Programs and Features** in Control Panel.
- Installing a maintenance release of Active Roles to update the existing Administration Service instance.

NOTE: These scenarios assume that the database has the same version as the Administration Service you are configuring. If the Administration Service version is greater than the database version, create a new database and import data from the existing database. For more information, see [Importing configuration data](#).

Provided that the database is of the same Active Roles version as the Administration Service you are configuring, you can use the following steps to make the Administration Service use that database.

To use the database of an earlier Administration Service installation

1. On the **Database Options** page in the Configure Administration Service wizard, select the **Existing Active Roles database** option, and then click **Next**.
2. On the **Connection to Database** page, specify the Database type, Database Server name, and the name of the database. Select the desired authentication option for the Administration Service connection to the configuration database.
3. On the **Connection to MH Database** page, specify the Database type, Database Server name, and the name of the database. Select the desired authentication option for the Administration Service connection to the management history database.
4. If you want to configure advanced database properties, click on the link displayed, and select one or both of the following options, based on the requirement, and then click **Apply**.:
 - On the Advanced Database Properties dialog box, in the **Connection Timeout** text box, enter the time in seconds for the database connection to get timed out.
If you enter a value less outside the specified range, an error is displayed.
 - Select the check box **Enable faster failover for all Availability Groups and Failover Cluster instances** to enable MultiSubnetFailOver.

NOTE:

- Default connection time out is as per the SQL OLEDB connection timeout.
- A value of 0 indicates no limit as attempt to connect will wait indefinitely and hence input value is permitted starting from 1 second.
- If any value populated in the field cannot be made null or empty once settings are saved and another valid value must be entered.

5. Click **Next**, and follow the instructions in the wizard to complete the configuration.

Using a pre-created blank database

When you choose the option to create a new Active Roles database, the Configure Administration Service wizard uses default values for database properties, such as the location and other parameters of the database files and transaction log files. If you need specific database properties, then you can use SQL Server tools to create a blank database with the properties that meet your requirements, and have the wizard create the new Active Roles database by adding the Active Roles tables and data to that blank database. The following steps assume that you have a blank database already created.

To use a pre-created blank database

1. On the **Database Options** page in the Configure Administration Service wizard, select the **New Active Roles database** option, select the **Use a pre-created blank database** check box, and then click **Next**.

2. On the **Connection to Database** page, specify the Database type, Database Server name and the name of the database. Select the desired authentication option for the Administration Service connection to the configuration database.
3. If you want to configure advanced database properties, click on the link displayed, and select one or both of the following options, based on the requirement, and then click **Apply**.:
 - On the Advanced Database Properties dialog box, in the **Connection Timeout** text box, enter the time in seconds. This value indicates the time to wait while trying to establish a connection before terminating the attempt and generating an error.

NOTE:

- Default connection time out is as per the SQL OLEDB connection timeout.
- A value of 0 indicates no limit as attempt to connect will wait indefinitely and hence input value is permitted starting from 1 second.
- If any value populated in the field cannot be made null or empty once settings are saved and another valid value must be entered.

If you enter a value less outside the specified range, an error is displayed.

4. Select the check box **Enable faster failover for all Availability Groups and Failover Cluster instances** to enable MultiSubnetFailOver.
5. On the **MHDatabase Options** page, select the **New Active Roles database** option, select the **Use a pre-created blank database** check box, and then click **Next**.
6. On the **Connection to MH Database** page, specify the Database type, Database Server name and the name of the database. Select the desired authentication option for the Administration Service connection to the management history database.
7. Click **Next**, and follow the instructions in the wizard to complete the configuration.

Importing configuration data

When deploying the Administration Service, you may need to import configuration data from an existing database in order to ensure that the new Administration Service instance has the same configuration as the existing one. Importing configuration data to a newly created database instead of attaching the Administration Service to an existing database is necessary if the version of the Administration Service you are deploying is greater than the version of the database you want to use. Some examples of such a situation are as follows:

- Upgrading the Administration Service while preserving its configuration.
- Restoring configuration data from a backup copy of the database whose version does not match the version of the Administration Service.

The **Services association** page allows you to configure the Administration services for executing Dynamic Groups, Group Families, and Scheduled tasks from the drop-down list.

The available options in the drop-down list are **This Server** and **Other**, where choosing **Other** allows to specify any other Administration Service in fully qualified domain name (FQDN) format. If the value is empty, then the current administration service is used.

NOTE: Services association does not update certain scheduled tasks, For example, scheduled tasks that cannot be edited (Managed Object Counter) or scheduled tasks that are set to **All servers** option.

You can choose to run the Services association immediately or schedule service association.

NOTE: Alternatively, Services association can be performed any time using the template workflow **Update Services To Execute On** available in the built-in Workflow Container. The parameters in the script used by the workflow can be configured to the required administration services, such as, **Dynamic Group Service, Group Family Service, Scheduled Task Service**. You can select the administration service from the drop-down list. The drop-down list displays all the currently running administration services that are connected to the current configuration database. If the parameter value is not selected, then the current administration service is used.

To ensure Dynamic Groups, Group Families, and Scheduled tasks continue to function after an import the installation configures the new Active Roles server as the executing server for the tasks mentioned above. The configuration mentioned here runs after an upgrade.

The following instructions on how to import configuration data are applicable to any situation where you choose to create a new database when configuring the Administration Service. In this case, after you have initially configured the Administration Service instance, Active Roles Configuration Center enables you to import the configuration data to the newly created database.

To import configuration data

1. In the Configuration Center main window, under **Administration Service**, click **Manage Settings**.

You can start Configuration Center by selecting **Active Roles 8.1.3 Configuration Center** on the **Apps** page or **Start** menu, depending upon the version of your Windows operating system.

2. On the **Settings** page, in the **Active Roles database** area, click **Import configuration**.
3. On the **Source database** page in the Import configuration wizard that appears, specify the database from which you want to import the configuration data (source database):
 - a. Select the required Database Type. In the **Database Server name** box, specify the SQL Server instance that hosts the source database.
 - b. In the **Database** box, specify the name of the source database.
4. Under **Connect using**, select the appropriate authentication option:

- If your Windows logon account has sufficient rights to write data to the destination database, click **Windows authentication**.
 - If you have a SQL Server login with sufficient rights, click **SQL Server authentication** and enter the login name and password.
 - If you have an Entra ID login with sufficient rights, click **Microsoft Entra ID authentication** and enter the login name and password.
5. Click **Next** to proceed to the **Destination database** page.
- The **Destination database** page identifies the database of the Administration Service to which you are going to import data (destination database), and allows you to select the authentication option.
5. On the **Destination database** page, under **Connect using**, select the appropriate authentication option:
- If your Windows logon account has sufficient rights to write data to the destination database, click **Windows authentication**.
 - If you have a SQL Server login with sufficient rights, click **SQL Server authentication** and enter the login name and password.
 - If you have an Entra ID login with sufficient rights, click **Microsoft Entra ID authentication** and enter the login name and password.
6. Click **Next**.
7. On the **Add-on advisor** page, the add-ons for the earlier version of Active Roles are displayed.

NOTE: The Add-ons must be uninstalled manually from the earlier version using the Active Roles Add-on Manager and from the system where ever applicable, before continuing configuration import.

8. Click **Next**. then, on the **Import of Encrypted Data** page, select one of the following options:
- If you have a backup of the secret key for the source database (see [Backup of encryption key](#)), click **Use a backup of encryption key to import encrypted data** and then click **Browse** to specify the backup file. If the backup file is password-protected, type the password in the **Password** box.
 - If you do not have a backup of the secret key for the source database, click **Do not import encrypted data**. In this case, the encrypted data from the source database, such as the override account password for managed domain registrations, will not be available in the destination database. Because of this, you will need to re-enter the override account password in the managed domain registrations with the Administration Service that uses the destination database.
9. The **Services association** page allows you to configure the Administration services for executing Dynamic Groups, Group Families, and Scheduled tasks from the drop-down list.

10. View the Summary page to review database configuration and Service association details.
11. Click **Next**, and follow the instructions in the wizard to complete the import operation.

Importing management history data

A part of the Active Roles database, the management history data storage is empty after you have configured the Administration Service with the option to create a new database. During import of configuration data (see [Importing configuration data](#)), Configuration Center transfers only the administrative right assignments, policy definitions, administrative view settings, workflow definitions and other parameters that determine the Active Roles work environment. Management history data is excluded from the import operation in order to reduce the time it takes to upgrade the configuration of the Administration Service.

The management history data describes the changes that were made to directory data via Active Roles. This includes information about who did what and when it was done as applied to the directory data management tasks. The management history data is used as a source of information for the change history and user activity reports. In addition, the management history data storage holds information about various tasks related to approval workflow and temporal group membership.

After you have configured the Administration Service with the option to create a new database, and imported the configuration data from an existing database, you need to take additional steps to transfer the management history data from that database to the new database. Configuration Center provides the Import Management History wizard to perform this task.

The wizard is intended to populate a new storage of management history data with the data found in an existing Active Roles database, to make the data available to the Active Roles user interfaces after you configure a new Administration Service instance. The wizard merges the management history data from the source database with the data stored in the destination database. Note that the wizard only adds new data, keeping intact any data that already exists in the destination database. You may import your legacy management history data at any time after you have configured the Administration Service, without being afraid of losing any data.

To import Management History data

1. In the **Configuration Center** main window, under **Administration Service**, click **Manage Settings**.
Start the Configuration Center by selecting **Active Roles 8.1.3 Configuration Center** on the **Apps** page or **Start** menu, depending on the version of your Windows operating system.
2. On the **Administration Service** page, click **Import Management History** to open the Import Management History wizard.

3. On the **Source database** page, specify the database from which you want to import the Management History data (source database):
 - a. **Database Type:** Select the required database type from the drop-down (on premises or Azure SQL).
 - b. **Database Server name:** Enter the name of the SQL Server instance that hosts the source database.
 - c. **Database:** Enter the name of the source database.
4. Under **Connect using**, select the authentication option:
 - If your Windows logon account has sufficient rights to write data to the destination database, click **Windows authentication**.
 - If you have a SQL Server login with sufficient rights, click **SQL Server authentication** and enter the login name and password.
 - If you have an Entra ID login with sufficient rights, click **Microsoft Entra ID authentication** and enter the login name and password.
5. Click **Next**.

The **Destination database** page identifies the database of the Administration Service to which you are going to import data (destination database), and allows you to select the authentication option.

6. Under **Connect using**, select the authentication option:
 - If your Windows logon account has sufficient rights to write data to the destination database, click **Windows authentication**.
 - If you have a SQL Server login with sufficient rights, click **SQL Server authentication** and enter the login name and password.
 - If you have an Entra ID login with sufficient rights, click **Microsoft Entra ID authentication** and enter the login name and password.
7. Click **Next**.
8. On the **Records to Import** page, specify whether you want to import all data records or only a certain range of the data records.

NOTE: The data for unfinished temporal group membership is imported when the Management History data is imported for a selected date range.

You can choose not to import all the data records as importing a large volume of data can take hours. Later, you can import additional data by choosing a different range of data records. During subsequent import sessions, the wizard only imports the data records that were not imported earlier.

9. Click **Next** and follow the instructions in the wizard to complete the import operation.

Deploying user interfaces

Active Roles provides user interfaces for the Windows system and the Web, allowing users with appropriate rights to perform administrative activities. The user interfaces include:

- **Web Interface**A customizable Web application for directory administration.
- **MMC Interface**A desktop console for Active Roles configuration and directory administration.

By default, the Active Roles Setup wizard installs all core Active Roles components, including the console (MMC Interface) and Web Interface. You can choose to install individual components, if needed.

Steps to install the Active Roles Console

The Active Roles Console (also known as the MMC Interface) can be installed on any computer that meets the system requirements and has a reliable network connection to a computer running the Administration Service. It can also be installed on the Administration Service computer.

To install the Active Roles console

1. Log on with a user account that has administrator rights on the computer.
2. Navigate to the location of the Active Roles distribution package, and start the Setup wizard by double-clicking `ActiveRoles.exe`.
3. Follow the instructions in the Setup wizard.
4. On the **Component Selection** page, ensure that the **Console (MMC Interface)** component is selected, and click **Next**.

By default, all components are selected. If you only want to install the console, clear the check boxes that denote unwanted components.

5. On the **Ready to Install** page, click **Install** to perform installation.
6. On the **Completion** page click **Finish**.

Once you have installed the console, you can start it by selecting **Active Roles 8.1.3 Console** on the **Apps** page or **Start** menu, depending upon the version of your Windows operating system.

Deploying the Web Interface

You can install the Active Roles Web Interface on any computer that meets the product system requirements and is running Internet Information Services (IIS) 7.5 or later. For more information on the software and hardware requirements, see *System Requirements* in the *Active Roles Release Notes*.

NOTE: You do not need to install the Web Interface component on the same computer that runs the Active Roles Administration Service. However, the computer (or computers) hosting the Web Interface must have a reliable network connection to the computer (or computers) running the Administration Service component.

Prerequisites

Before you begin installing and configuring the Web Interface component, make sure you meet the following requirements on the computer(s) where you will install the component:

Table 5: Web Interface requirements

Requirement type	Description
Operating system	You can install the Active Roles Web Interface component on the following operating systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windows Server 2022• Windows Server 2019• Windows Server 2016
Internet Services	Make sure that the computer where the Web Interface is installed has the Web Server (IIS) server role installed, with the following role services: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Web Server/Common HTTP Features/<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Default Document• HTTP Errors• Static Content• HTTP Redirection• Web Server/Security/

Requirement type	Description
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- Request Filtering
- Basic Authentication
- Windows Authentication
- Web Server/Application Development/
 - .NET Extensibility
 - ASP
 - ASP.NET
 - ISAPI Extensions
 - ISAPI Filters
- Management Tools/IIS 6 Management Compatibility/
 - IIS 6 Metabase Compatibility

NOTE: The Active Roles installer automatically configures the **Web Server (IIS)** server role when installing the Web Interface component.

To verify that the server role is configured properly on the computer, use the native Server Manager tool of the operating system after the Web Interface is installed.

Feature delegation

Make sure that Internet Information Services (IIS) provides **Read/Write** delegation for the following features:

- Handler Mappings
- Modules

To confirm that these features have the **Read/Write** delegation configured, use the **Feature Delegation** option of the native Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager tool of the operating system.

.NET Trust Levels

Make sure that the .NET Trust Level is set to **Full (internal)** on every computer where the Web Interface component will be installed.

To configure this setting:

1. In the native Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager tool, under **Connections**, expand the node of the computer, and navigate to **Sites > Default Web Site**.
2. On the **Default Web Site Home** page, double-click **.NET Trust Levels**.
3. Under **Trust level**, select **Full (internal)**.

Requirement type	Description
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NOTE: Setting the .NET Trust Level to any other value will result in a failure when attempting to load any of the configured Active Roles Web Interface sites.

Installing and configuring the Web Interface

Deploying the Web Interface component has two main steps:

1. Installing the component via the Active Roles installer.
2. Using the Active Roles Configuration Center to configure the Web Interface service.

To install the Web Interface component

1. Login with an administrator account to the computer where you want to install the Web Interface component.
2. Mount the Active Roles .iso file, and start the setup wizard by double-clicking ActiveRoles.exe.
3. In the **Component Selection** step, select **Web Interface**, then click **Next**.
4. In the **Ready to Install** step, review the installation settings, install any of the prerequisites if needed, then click **Install**.
5. In the **Completion** step, make sure that **I want to perform configuration** is selected, and click **Finish**.

Once the installation completes, to configure the Web Interface service, use the Active Roles Configuration Center. This procedure has two main stages:

- **Initial configuration:** During this stage, the Administration Service creates the three default Web Interface sites (Self-Service, Helpdesk and Admin), based on the default configuration templates.
- **Additional configuration:** During this stage, you can create additional sites, and modify or delete existing sites.

Initial configuration

During initial configuration, you must configure the Administration Service instance in the Active Roles Configuration Center that the Web Interface component will use. You can configure the Web Interface to use:

- The Administration Service instance that runs on the same computer as the Web Interface.
- An Administration Service instance running on a specific computer.
- Any available Administration Service instance in a specified replication group.

Before performing the initial configuration of the Web Interface, ensure that the Administration Service instance you want to use is configured and started. Otherwise, the configuration will fail in the Active Roles Configuration Center.

TIP: To check the state of the Administration Service, in the computer where the process is running, launch Active Roles Configuration Center, then open the **Administration Service** page. The page must indicate the process in a **Ready for use** state.

To perform the initial configuration of the Web Interface

1. Login with an administrator account to the computer where you want to configure the Web Interface component.
2. Open the Active Roles Configuration Center.

NOTE: If you select **I want to perform configuration** in the **Completion** page of the setup wizard, the Configuration Center opens automatically.

To manually open the Configuration Center later, search the **Active Roles 8.1.3 Configuration Center** component in the Windows search bar or the Start menu of the operating system.

3. In the Configuration Center, open the **Web Interface** page and click **Configure**.
4. In the **Administration Service** step, specify the Administration Service instance to use:
 - **Administration Service on the computer running the Web Interface:** When selected, the Web Interface component will use the Administration Service instance running on the same computer where the Web Interface is running.
 - **Administration Service on this computer:** When selected, you can specify an Administration Service instance running on a specific computer. To specify the computer, use its fully qualified domain name.
 - **Any Administration Service of the same configuration as this one:** When selected, you can specify an Administration Service instance with the desired configuration. To specify the computer, use its fully qualified domain name.

NOTE: If your organization uses Active Roles replication to synchronize configuration data, use this setting to specify an Administration Service instance whose database server acts as the Publisher of the configuration database.

5. To start the configuration process, click **Configure**. Then, wait for the configuration to finish.

The Active Roles Configuration Center then creates three Web Interface sites based on the following configuration templates:

- **Default Site for Administrators:** Creates the default Administration Site. This site supports a broad range of tasks, including the management of directory objects and computer resources.
- **Default Site for Help Desk:** Creates the default Helpdesk Site. This site supports performing tasks typical to the duties of Helpdesk operators, such as enabling/disabling accounts, resetting passwords, and modifying select properties of users and groups.
- **Default Site for Self-Administration:** Creates the default Self-Service Site. This site provides the User Profile Editor, allowing end-users to manage their personal or emergency data through a simple-to-use Web Interface.

Each configuration template provides an individual set of commands installed by default. Once a Web Interface site is created, you can customize its configuration by adding or removing commands, and by modifying web pages (forms) associated with those commands. For more information, see *Customizing the Web Interface* in the *Active Roles Web Interface Administration Guide*.

Additional configuration

After the initial configuration is complete, you can modify the Web Interface configuration further with the Active Roles Configuration Center. This includes creating new Web Interface sites, modifying an existing site (for example, changing the web application alias), or deleting sites.

TIP: You can apply existing site configurations when creating new Web Interface sites. This is useful, for example, if you need to deploy another instance of the Web Interface to another web server, but you already have a Web Interface site that meets the requirements of the new site.

Creating a new site based on an existing configuration saves time, as the newly-created site will contain the same set of menus, commands and pages right from the start as other existing sites based off the same configuration. For more information on how to create a site based on an existing configuration, see the following procedure.

To create, modify or delete a Web Interface site

1. In the Active Roles Configuration Center, on the **Dashboard** page, click **Web Interface > Manage Sites**.
Alternatively, on the side bar, click **Web Interface**.
2. On the Web Interface page, click the applicable button:
 - To create a new site, click **Create**.
 - To modify an existing site, select it from the list, then click **Modify**.
 - To delete an existing site, select it from the list, then click **Delete**.
3. (Optional) If you selected to **Create** or **Modify** a site, in the **Web Application** step, configure the following settings:

- **IIS Web site:** Specifies the IIS website containing the web application that implements the Web Interface site. The list is populated from the websites defined on the web server.
 - **Alias:** Specifies the alias of the web application that implements the Web Interface site. The alias defines the virtual path used in the address of the Web Interface site on the web server.
4. (Optional) If you selected to **Create** or **Modify** a site, in the **Configuration** step, specify how to set the configuration of the new website. The website configuration contains all customizable settings of the user interface elements, such as the website menus, commands, and web page forms that appear on the Web Interface.
- **Keep the current configuration:** Uses the configuration currently assigned to the site. Select this option if you do not want to assign a different configuration to the site.

NOTE: This setting is only available when modifying an existing site.

- **Create from a template:** Creates a new configuration for the Web Interface site based on a template. When selected, you must specify a unique **Configuration name** and must also select a **Template** used as a baseline for the new configuration. Active Roles contains a default template for Administration, Helpdesk and Self-Service sites.

TIP: Select this option if you want the Web Interface site to use a separate configuration that is initially populated with the default template data and settings.

- **Use an existing configuration:** Assigns an existing configuration to the Web Interface site. When selected, you must specify the desired configuration from a list of saved configurations stored by the Administration Service.

NOTE: The list includes configurations compatible with the currently installed Active Roles version only.

- **Import from an existing configuration:** Creates a new configuration for the Web Interface site by importing data from an existing configuration. When selected, you must specify a unique **Configuration name** for the new configuration and must also select the desired **Configuration to import** from the list of supported configurations stored by the Administration Service.

NOTE: The list includes configurations compatible with the currently installed Active Roles version only.

TIP: Select this option if you want the Web Interface site to use a separate configuration that is:

- Populated with data imported from the configuration of an earlier Active Roles version, or
- Copied from an existing configuration of the current Active Roles version.

- **Import from a file:** Creates a new configuration for the Web Interface site by importing data from an exported configuration file. When selected, you must specify a unique **Configuration name** for the new configuration and must also select the **File to import**.

TIP: Select this option if you want the Web Interface site to use a separate configuration that is:

- Populated with data imported from the exported configuration file of an earlier Active Roles version.
- Copied from an existing exported configuration file of the current Active Roles version. You can export existing configurations with the **Web Interface > Export Configuration** option of the Configuration Center after selecting a web site.

5. (Optional) To commit your changes when creating or modifying a site, click **Create** or **Modify**, respectively. The Configuration Center then performs the configured changes, and will indicate the results.
6. (Optional) If you selected to **Delete** a site, in the **Ready to Delete** step, review the site data, then click **Delete**. The Configuration Center then performs the configured changes, and will indicate the results.

Once you configured a new site or modified an existing one, you can access it from your browser by using the specified web application alias in the following format:

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http://<website>/<alias>
```

In this alias, <website> identifies the IIS website containing the web application that implements the Web Interface site, while <alias> is the alias of the web application as specified in the Configuration Center. For example, if the web application is contained in the default website, the address will be the following:

```
http://<computer>/<alias>
```

In this example, <computer> is the network name of the computer (web server) running the Web Interface.

By default, you can connect to Web Interface sites via the HTTPS protocol, which encrypts the data transferred from the web browser to the Web Interface. If your organization does not require a secure protocol for accessing the Web Interface sites, you can disable using the HTTPS protocol in the Active Roles Configuration Center.

The HTTPS protocol uses SSL protection provided by the web server for data encryption. For more information on how to enable SSL on your web server, see [Configuring Secure Sockets Layer in IIS 7](#) in the *Microsoft Windows Server documentation*.

Installing additional components

In addition to the Administration Service, MMC Interface and Web Interface, Active Roles allows you to install the following components:

- **Active Roles Management Shell** Provides commands based on the Windows PowerShell platform for:
 - Managing users, group, computers and other objects in Active Directory via Active Roles.
 - Administer certain Active Roles objects.
 - Configure Active Roles Administration Service instances and Web Interface sites.
- **ADSI Provider** Enables custom applications and scripts to access directory data via Active Roles by using standard COM interfaces. Documentation for ADSI Provider can be found in the Active Roles SDK.
- **Active Roles SDK** Provides developers with documentation and samples to help them customize Active Roles by creating custom client applications and user interfaces, and implementing business rules and policies based on custom scripts.
- **Collector** Gathers data required for reporting. Retrieves data from specified data sources through the Administration Service, and stores the data on database server.
- **Report Pack** A comprehensive suite of report definitions that cover various administrative actions available in Active Roles.
- **Diagnostic Tools** A package that provides optional tools for checking system requirements, logs and changes in your Active Directory domain.
- **Add-on Manager** An application for installing and managing add-ons for Active Roles. You can also create new addons with the solution's Add-on Editor.

Steps to install only the Shell, ADSI Provider and SDK

The Active Roles Management Shell, SDK and ADSI Provider components are collectively referred to as Management Tools. On the **Component Selection** page, the Active Roles

Setup wizard automatically selects the **Management Tools** component if you have selected any core component, such as **Administration Service, Console (MMC Interface)** or **Web Interface**. This means that Setup installs the Shell, SDK and ADSI Provider components together with any selected core component. However, it is possible to install only the Shell, SDK and ADSI Provider components by selecting the **Management Shell** component only.

To install only the Shell, SDK and ADSI Provider

1. Log on with a user account that has administrator rights on the computer.
2. Navigate to the location of the Active Roles distribution package, and start the Setup wizard by double-clicking `ActiveRoles.exe`.
3. Follow the instructions in the Setup wizard.
4. On the **Component Selection** page, clear all check boxes except **Management Tools**, and click **Next**.
5. To start installation, on the **Ready to Install** page, click **Install**.
6. On the **Completion** page, click **Finish**.

Once you installed the Management Tools, you can open the Management Shell or view the SDK documentation (including the ADSI Provider documentation). Depending on the version of your Windows operating system, select the following on the **Apps** page or the **Start** menu:

- To open the Management Shell, select **Active Roles 8.1.3 Management Shell**.
- To view the SDK documentation, select **Active Roles 8.1.3 SDK**.

After you opened the Management Shell, you can view its reference manual by typing **QuickRef**. The manual describes all commands provided by the Management Shell.

Steps to install the Collector and Report Pack

Active Roles comes with a comprehensive suite of report definitions, contained in the Active Roles Report Pack. To work with reports, you need to:

- Install the Active Roles Collector
- Use the Collector wizard to deploy the Report Pack

Installing Collector

The Active Roles Collector is used to prepare data for reporting, allowing you to configure, schedule, and run data collection jobs. Collector stores report data in a database on an on-premises SQL Server or Azure SQL database. For best results, use Microsoft SQL Server 2012 or a later version of SQL Server to host the Collector's database.

NOTE: Collector can now store data in Azure database.

To install the Collector

1. Install Active Roles Management Tools. For installation instructions, see [Steps to install only the Shell, ADSI Provider and SDK](#).
2. In the Active Roles distribution package, navigate to the **Solutions/Collector and Report Pack** folder, and double-click the .msi file held in that folder.
3. Follow the instructions in the Setup wizard.
4. Wait while the wizard completes the installation.

Once you have installed Collector, you can start the Collector wizard by selecting Active Roles 8.1.3 Collector and Report Pack on the **Apps** page or **Start** menu, depending upon the version of your Windows operating system.

Deploying Report Pack

Report Pack requires Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services (SSRS). Make sure that you have SSRS deployed in your environment. When deploying Report Pack, the Collector wizard prompts you for the address (URL) of the Report Server Web service. You can find this address on the **Web Service URL** page in the Reporting Services Configuration Manager tool on the server where SSRS is installed.

To deploy the Report Pack

1. Start the Collector wizard.
You can start the Collector wizard by selecting **Active Roles 8.1.3 Collector and Report Pack** on the **Apps** page or **Start** menu, depending upon the version of your Windows operating system.
2. On the **Select Task** page, click **Deploy reports to Report Server**, and then click **Next**.
3. On the **Report Server** page, type the URL of your SSRS Report Server in the **Report Server Web Service URL** box. Click **Next**.

By default, the URL is `http://<serverName>/ReportServer`. You can use the Reporting Services Configuration Manager tool to confirm the server name and URL. For more information about URLs used in Reporting Services, see the topic "Configure Report Server URLs (SSRS Configuration Manager)" at <http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/ms159261.aspx>.

4. (Optional) on the **Data Source** page, configure the data source for the Active Roles reports:

- a. Click the **Configure Data Source** button.
- b. Use the **Configure Data Source** dialog box to specify the database server instance that hosts the database you have prepared by using Collector, the name of the database, database type, and the authentication method to use for connection to the database.

Configuring the data source is an optional step. If you do not have a database prepared by Collector, you can configure the data source later, after you have deployed the Report Pack. For instructions, see *"Working with reports"* in the Active Roles Administration Guide.

5. Click **Next** and wait while the wizard deploys the Report Pack.

You can create and view Active Roles reports using Report Manager, a Web-based tool included with SSRS. For instructions, see "Generating and viewing a report" in the Active Roles Administration Guide.

Steps to install Diagnostic Tools

The Active Roles Diagnostic Tools package provides the following tools:

- **System Checker:** Checks your computer, SQL Server, and the Active Directory domains to see if your environment meets the requirements of deploying Active Roles.
- **Log Viewer:** Examines Active Roles diagnostic logs and event logs. Use these logs when contacting One Identity Support for assistance.
- **Directory Changes Monitor:** Provides statistics for the directory changes that occurred in a particular Active Directory domain.

To install Diagnostic Tools

1. Mount the Active Roles installation .iso file, and navigate to the **Solutions > Diagnostic Tools** folder.
2. Run the **ActiveRolesDiagnosticTools** .msi file, and follow the on-screen instructions of the Setup wizard.

Steps to install Add-on Manager

Use the Active Roles Add-on Manager to install and manage Active Roles add-ons, or create new ones with the Add-on Editor.

To install Add-on Manager

1. Mount the Active Roles installation .iso file, and navigate to the **Solutions > Add-on Manager** folder.
2. Run the **ActiveRolesAddonManager** .exe file, and follow the on-screen instructions of the Setup wizard.
3. In the configuration wizard that appears after installation completes, select how to register Add-on Manager to the Active Roles Administration Service.
 - **Any available Administration Service:** Select this option to register Add-on Manager with the nearest Administration Service, connecting to that Administration Service instance with the credentials of your current logon account. To apply this option, your current logon account must be an Active Roles Admin.
 - **Administration Service on this computer:** Select this option to register Add-on Manager with the Administration Service that runs on the computer you specify. The wizard will then connect to that Administration Service with the user name and password you supply. Make sure that you specify the user name and password of the Active Roles Admin.
4. To apply your change, click **Register**.

Upgrading an earlier Active Roles version

You can upgrade from Active Roles 7.5 or later to the latest version of Active Roles using one of the following methods:

- In-place upgrade: Install the latest version of Active Roles on the computer without removing the earlier version.
- New installation with import of database from earlier version: Install the latest version of Active Roles and import the database from the earlier version of Active Roles.

NOTE:

- To perform a clean installation of Active Roles, uninstall the currently installed version before installing Active Roles 8.1.3.
- Active Roles supports selection of custom installation path only during a fresh installation. During an in-place upgrade, Active Roles does not support changing the custom installation path.

For information on importing configuration data from the database of an earlier version of Active Roles, see *Import Configuration* under [Upgrading the Administration Service](#).

NOTE: Before upgrading to the latest version of Active Roles, the add-ons of the earlier versions must be uninstalled.

IMPORTANT: During in-place upgrade, when importing from the source database (Configuration and Management History database), the following database permissions are automatically migrated from the previously used (source) SQL database to the new (destination) SQL database:

- Active Roles database users with associated permissions.
- SQL logins mapped to Active Roles database users.
- Roles.

The service account that is used for performing the in-place upgrade or the import or migration operation should have the following permissions in the SQL Server to perform the operation:

- **db_datareader** fixed database role in the source database.
- **db_owner** fixed database role and the default schema of **dbo** in the destination database.
- **sysadmin** fixed server role in the destination database.

If a limited SQL access account is used for performing the in-place upgrade, a manual action is required to pre-create the new Active Roles databases. For more information, see [Knowledge Base Article 4303098](#) on the One Identity Support Portal.

By default, the database users, permissions, logins, and roles are imported to the destination database. You can clear the **Copy database users, permissions, logins, and roles** check box in the following locations depending on the operation:

- During in-place upgrade: in the **Upgrade configuration** window.
- Importing configuration: **Import Configuration > Source Database > Configure advanced database properties.**
- Importing management history: **Import Management History > Source database > Configure advanced database properties.**

Impact on Office 365 add-on

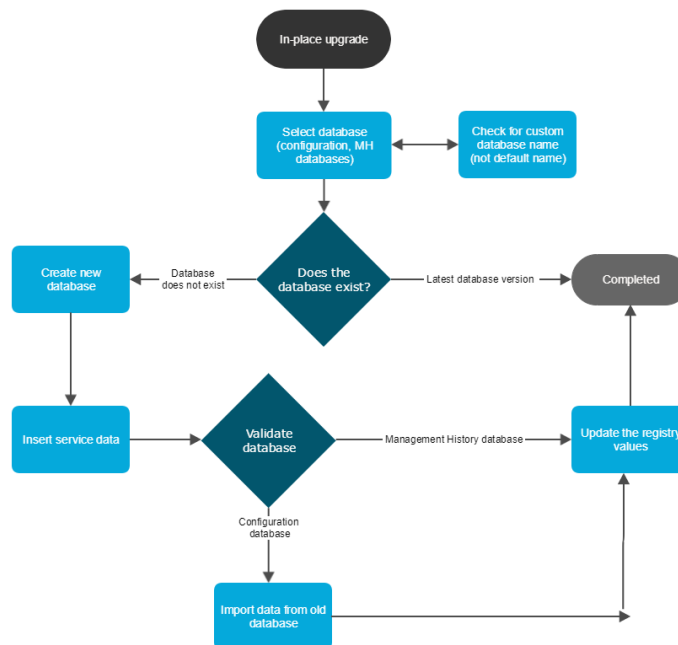
After an upgrade of Active Roles components to Active Roles 8.1.3, the Office 365 add-on which was supported in the earlier versions of Active Roles, ceases to work. Hence, it is recommended to uninstall the Office 365 add-on prior to the upgrade of Active Roles.

NOTE:

- Uninstall the Office 365 add-on before installing the latest version of Active Roles as the add-on is not supported.
- The latest version of Active Roles manages Office 365 and Azure AD natively. However, Active Roles does not support the following feature of Office 365 add-on that was supported in earlier versions:
 - Ability to manage and select Office 365 domains through policies.

Upgrading to Active Roles 8.1.3 from 7.5 or later using in-place upgrade method

Active Roles Server in-place upgrade



To upgrade existing Active Roles 7.5 or later version to the latest version, perform the following steps.

NOTE: Before performing the in-place upgrade, One Identity recommends to approve all pending approval activities.

NOTE: Before performing the in-place upgrade, One Identity recommends backing up the Active Roles database. For more information on general best practices, see [Create a Full Database Backup](#) in the *Microsoft SQL documentation*.

Prerequisites for in-place upgrade from Active Roles 7.5 or later

One Identity recommends backing up the current Web Interface instances if any customizations have been implemented.

Any Web Interface sites that were created in Active Roles 7.5 or later will continue to function in 8.1.3. However, it is recommended to thoroughly test before upgrading, as some customizations may not work as expected in newer versions of Active Roles.

To back up the Web Interface configurations

1. Launch the Active Roles Configuration Center.
2. Click **Web Interface**.
3. Select the site(s) to back up and click **Export Configuration**.

To upgrade Active Roles using in-place upgrade

NOTE: Before upgrading to the latest version of Active Roles:

- Uninstall the add-ons of the earlier versions.
- Remove replication partners (if there are any).

The in-place upgrade of Active Roles 7.5 upgrades the Active Roles 7.5 Administration Service and Web Interface components.

The in-place upgrade of Active Roles 7.5 does not upgrade the Active Roles solution components such as SPML Provider, Add-on Manager, Add-ins for Outlook, Diagnostic Tools, and so on. To upgrade the solution components installed with Active Roles, use the respective installers available in the Active Roles installation package.

During Active Roles upgrade, if the Active Roles database is not split into Configuration and Management History databases, the upgrade process creates a Management History database by default.

NOTE: If a limited SQL access account is used for performing the in-place upgrade, you must pre-create the new Active Roles databases manually. For more information, see [Knowledge Base Article 4303098](#) on the One Identity Support Portal.

1. Log in with a user account that has administrator rights on the computer.
2. Navigate to the location of the Active Roles distribution package, and to start the Setup wizard, double-click **ActiveRoles.exe**.
3. Follow the instructions in the Setup wizard.
 - a. To continue, click **Next**.
 - b. To accept the license agreement, select **I accept the terms in the license agreement**, and click **Next**.
 - c. Review the summary and warning. If the Office 365 Add-On is installed in the 7.5 instance, uninstall it before continuing.
 - d. On the **Ready to Upgrade** page, make sure that the prerequisite software are installed, then click **Upgrade**.
 - e. On the **Completion** page, click **Finish**.
4. After upgrading to Active Roles 7.5 or later, you are prompted to restart the system. Click **Restart Now**.
 - a. If the system does not restart, launch the Configuration Center and click **Update Service Instance**.

- b. If the system restarts and the Configuration Center launches automatically, click **Update Service Instance**.

Due to the update of the database schema, the 7.5 or later versions of the sites are no longer compatible.

NOTE: After upgrading the Active Roles package to 8.1.3, perform the steps of [Configuring Active Roles during in-place upgrade](#).

Configuring Active Roles 8.1.3 during in-place upgrade

To configure Active Roles 8.1.3 during in-place upgrade

1. After upgrading Active Roles to 8.1.3, restart the operating system.
2. After the system restarts, the Configuration Center launches automatically, displaying the Upgrade configuration wizard.

As part of this upgrade, Active Roles creates new databases with default names. The Upgrade configuration wizard displays the new databases information.

NOTE: The names of the new databases must be unique. If a database with the same name already exists, you will get a `Verification failed` error message. To resolve the issue, rename the new database.

CAUTION: When creating a new configuration database, you may encounter a `Verification failed` error message due to an Active Roles version mismatch. To resolve the issue, you must clear the existing Active Roles configuration. For more information, see [Knowledge Base Article 4340880](#).

- a. (Optional) To change the default names of the new databases, click **Click here to change or provide existing database names**.
- b. Select the check box to confirm that you have read the instructions in this document about the in-place upgrade process, and click **Next**.

NOTE: By default, during in-place upgrade, in the **Upgrade configuration** window, the **Copy database users, permissions, logins, and roles** option is selected.

3. The **Reauthenticate Tenants** page lists the configured Azure tenants in the source database. To reauthenticate a tenant, click **Reauthenticate** next to its name.

CAUTION: You must reauthenticate the tenant(s). Otherwise, Active Roles does not receive the required permissions to manage existing tenants, and tenant administration will not work correctly.

NOTE: After a successful upgrade, in the Configuration Center, under **Azure AD Configuration**, you must consent the Azure tenants manually.

4. In the **Services association** page, configure the Administration Service instances for running the following:

- Dynamic groups
 - Group families
 - Scheduled tasks
- a. Select **This Server** or **Other**. Selecting **Other** allows you to specify another Administration Service instance in a fully qualified domain name (FQDN) format. If the value is empty, the current Administration Service is used.

NOTE: Services association does not update certain scheduled tasks. For example, scheduled tasks that cannot be edited (Managed Object Counter) or scheduled tasks that are set to **All servers**.

- b. Select **Run the Services association immediately** or **Schedule Services association**.

NOTE: If Services association is scheduled to a specific time, but the upgrade or import operation is still in progress or completes after the scheduled Services association time, then the services will not be associated. In such cases, you must associate the Services manually by running the built-in scheduled task **Update Services To Execute On** in the Active Roles Console.

To ensure Dynamic Groups, Group Families, and Scheduled tasks continue to function after an import, the installation configures the new Active Roles server as the initiating server for the listed tasks. This configuration runs after an upgrade.

NOTE: Alternatively, you can perform Services association any time using the template workflow **Update Services To Execute On** available in the built-in Workflow Container. You can configure the parameters in the script that the workflow uses to the required Administration Service instances, such as, **Dynamic Group Service, Group Family Service, Scheduled Task Service**. You can select the Administration Service instance to use from the drop-down list. The drop-down list displays all the currently running Administration Service instances connected to the current configuration database. If the parameter value is not selected, then the current Administration Service instance will be used.

5. Click **Next**.
6. In the **Review upgrade** page, review your settings and click **Upgrade**.

The upgrade starts and the **Execution** page displays the progress bar for the upgrade.

NOTE: If the disk space in SQL Server is insufficient, an error message will appear, prompting you to increase the disk space.

In case of any errors during the in-place upgrade, you must resolve the errors and re-open the Configuration Center to continue the in-place upgrade.

7. After the database upgrade, stop and then restart the Active Roles Service.

After the database upgrade is complete, the Active Roles Service is ready for use.

NOTE: To upgrade multiple Active Roles Service instances, log in to the individual systems where Active Roles Service was upgraded, and perform the in-place upgrade steps for each Service.

Compatibility of Active Roles components

The new Administration Service is only compatible with the Active Roles user interfaces (Web Interface and console) of version 8.1.3. Earlier versions of the user interfaces may not work with the new Administration Service. The user interfaces of Active Roles 8.1.3 are only compatible with the Administration Service of version 8.1.3. Therefore, to use the Active Roles console or Web Interface of version 8.1.3, you must first upgrade the Administration Service.

Impact on custom solutions

An upgrade of Active Roles may affect custom solutions (such as scripts or other modifications), if any, that rely on the Active Roles functions. Custom solutions that work fine with an earlier Active Roles version may cease to work after the upgrade. Prior to attempting an upgrade, you should test the existing solutions with the new Active Roles version in a lab environment to verify that the solutions continue to work.

Upgrading the Administration Service

To upgrade Active Roles Administration Service from a version earlier than 6.9 to 7.5 or later, you must first upgrade to version 6.9.

You can upgrade the Administration Service from version 6.9 through 7.5 to 8.1.3.

Upgrading the Administration Service implies creation of a new Administration Service instance of the latest version, with the configuration and management history data imported from your Administration Service of an earlier version. As a result, the new Administration Service instance inherits all of your existing Active Roles configuration settings, such as managed domains, managed units, permission assignments, policies, workflows, virtual attributes and so on. By importing management history data, you

transfer change history, approval tasks, and temporal group membership tasks from your Administration Service of an earlier version to the new Administration Service instance.

To upgrade the Administration Service instance from 7.5 or later to 8.1.3

NOTE: Before upgrading to the latest version of Active Roles, uninstall all earlier versions of the add-ons you use.

1. After upgrading the Active Roles package to 8.1.3, you are prompted to restart the system.
2. After the system restarts, the Configuration Center opens by default, displaying the Upgrade configuration wizard.

The fields in the wizard are auto-populated. The database name for Configuration and Management history are suggested, by default. However, if you want to update the database name, click **Click here to change or provide existing database names** link.

3. Select the check box on the Upgrade configuration wizard, to confirm that you have read the instructions in the *Quick Start guide* regarding "Configuring Active Role for in-place upgrade".
4. Click **Next**.

NOTE: If you click **Next** without selecting the check box, an error is displayed prompting you to follow the instructions given against the check box and select the check box.

The upgrade starts and the **Execution** tab displays the Progress bar for the upgrade.

After the database upgrade is complete, the Active Roles Service is automatically started and ready for use.

You can upgrade from Active Roles 7.5 or later to Active Roles 8.1.3 using in-place upgrade or a new installation of Active Roles with importing the database from an earlier version.

If you no longer need the Administration Service of the earlier version, you can uninstall it using **Programs and Features** in Control Panel: Right-click **Administration Service** in the list of installed programs, and then click **Uninstall**.

Install and configure the Administration Service

To create a new Administration Service instance, you first install Administration Service files and then perform initial configuration.

To install the Administration Service files

1. Log on with a user account that has administrator rights on the computer.
2. Navigate to the location of the Active Roles distribution package, and start the Setup wizard by double-clicking `ActiveRoles.exe`.

3. Follow the instructions in the Setup wizard.
4. On the **Component Selection** page, ensure that the **Administration Service** component is selected, and click **Next**.
5. On the **Ready to Install** page, click **Install** to perform installation.
6. On the **Completion** page, select the **I want to perform configuration** check box, and click **Finish**.

The Setup wizard only installs the files. After you have completed the Setup wizard, you need to configure the newly installed Administration Service instance by using Active Roles Configuration Center. The Configuration Center opens automatically if you select the **I want to perform configuration** check box on the **Completion** page in the Setup wizard. Another way to open Configuration Center is by selecting **Active Roles Configuration Center** on the **Apps** page or **Start** menu, depending upon the version of your Windows operating system.

To perform initial configuration

1. In Configuration Center, under **Administration Service**, click **Configure**.
2. On the **Service Account** page in the Configure Administration Service wizard that appears, enter the name and password of the domain user account or the service account details of the Group Managed Service Account to be used as the Administration Service account, and then click **Next**.
3. On the **Active Roles Admin** page, accept the default account, or click **Browse** and select the group or user to be designated as Active Roles Admin. When finished, click **Next**.
4. On the **Configuration Database Options** page, select the **New Active Roles database** option, and then click **Next**.
5. On the **Connection to Database** page, specify a SQL Server instance and database name, and select the authentication option:
 - a. Select the required Database Type, in the Database Server name. Specify an SQL Server instance in the form `<Computer>\<Instance>` (for named instance) or `<Computer>` (for default instance), where `<Computer>` stands for the short name of the computer running SQL server or name of the Azure SQL database server. The wizard will create the database on the SQL Server instance you specify.
 - b. In the **Database** box, type a name for the database that will be created.
 - c. Under **Connect using**, select the appropriate authentication option:
 - To have the Administration Service connect to the database using the service account, click **Windows authentication**.
 - To have the Administration Service connect to the database using a SQL Server login, click **SQL Server authentication** and type the login name and password.

- To have the Administration Service connect to the database using Azure AD login, click **Azure Active Directory authentication** and type the login name and password.
6. On the **Management History Database Options** page in the Configure Administration Service wizard, select the New Active Roles database option, and then click Next.
 7. On the Connection to Database page, perform the steps a to c for Management history database.
 8. Click **Next**, and then complete the **Encryption Key Backup** page as described in [Backup of encryption key](#).
 9. Click **Next**, and follow the instructions in the wizard to complete the configuration.

Import configuration

After you have installed and initially configured the Administration Service of the new version, import the configuration data from the database used by your Administration Service of the earlier version. To import configurations, you must identify that database.

To identify the database

1. Open the Active Roles console and connect to your Administration Service of the earlier version (see "Connecting to the Administration Service" in the Active Roles Administration Guide).
2. Select the console tree root, and then, on the page in the details pane, expand the **Configuration Databases and Replication** area.

You can identify the database name, SQL Server name, and database type from the first string in the **Configuration Databases and Replication** area that has the following format: Database <name> on SQL Server <name> Database Type <type>.

After identifying the database, perform the import using the **Import configuration wizard** of the Configuration Center. On the **Source database** page in the **Import configuration wizard**, supply the database name and SQL Server name that you have identified. For more information, see [Importing configuration data](#).

NOTE: When an import configuration is performed from Active Roles version 7.5 to 8.1.3, the Web Interface does not get upgraded. However, the Configuration Center or any client report the Active Roles Web Interface version incorrectly as 8.1.3. To upgrade the Web Interface to the latest version, see [Create sites based on old configuration objects](#).

Import management history

After you have imported configuration of your earlier Active Roles version, import the management history data from the database used by your Administration Service of the earlier version. First, identify that database.

To identify the Management History database to import

1. Open the Active Roles console and connect to your Administration Service of the earlier version (see "Connecting to the Administration Service" in the Active Roles Administration Guide).
2. Select the console tree root, and then, on the page in the details pane, expand the **Management History Databases and Replication** area.

Identify the database name, SQL Server, database type name from the first string in the **Management History Databases and Replication** area that has the following format: Database <name> on SQL Server <name> Database Type <type>.

After identifying the database, perform the import. You can do this using the **Import Management History wizard** of the Configuration Center. On the **Source database** page in the **Import Management History wizard**, supply the database name and SQL Server name you have identified. For more information, see [Importing management history data](#).

Upgrade in case of shared database

If multiple instances of the Administration Service use a single database, then you can perform the upgrade as follows.

To upgrade Active Roles when using a shared database

1. Upgrade one of the Administration Service instances as described in [Upgrading the Administration Service](#).
As a result of this step, you have an Administration Service instance of the new version connected to the new database containing the data imported from the old database. The other instances of the Administration Service are not upgraded at this point. Instead, they continue to use the old database.
2. Now that you have the database of the new version, you can upgrade the remaining instances of the Administration Service, one by one.
3. In the Configure Administration Service wizard, select the **Existing Active Roles database** option on the **Configuration Database Options** page, and then, on the **Connection to Database** page, specify the database created during upgrade of the first Administration Service instance. You need not import configuration as the database already has that data imported.
4. In the Configure Administration Service wizard, select the **Existing Active Roles database** option on the **Management History Database Options** page, and then, on the **Connection to Database** page, specify the database created during upgrade of the first Administration Service instance. You need not import the management history as the database already has that data imported.

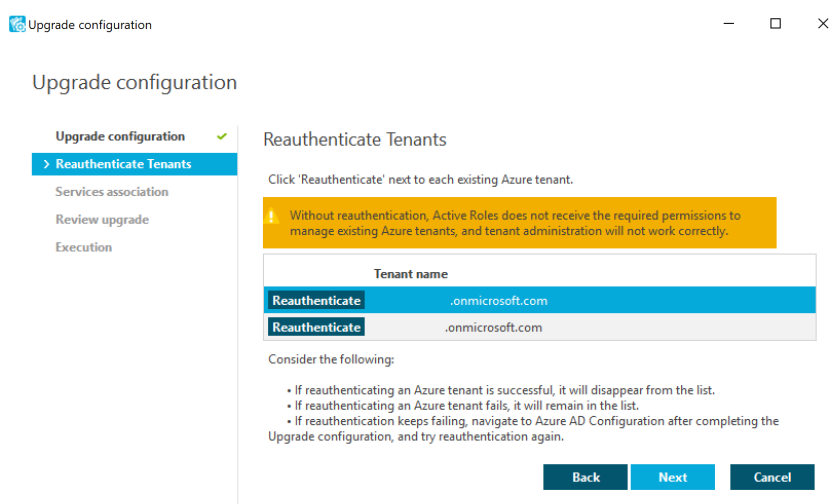
As a result of these steps, multiple Administration Service instances of the new version use a single database updated with the configuration and management history data of your earlier Active Roles version.

Reconfiguring Azure tenants during upgrade configuration

If your organization has any Azure tenants managed in Active Roles, you will need to reauthenticate and reauthorize each Azure tenant after installing a new version of Active Roles. Otherwise, you may experience difficulties with Exchange Online connectivity and managing Entra ID resources (for example, assigning Entra ID roles).

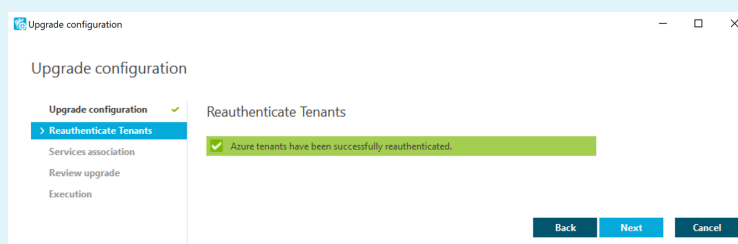
To reauthenticate and reauthorize Azure tenants after installing Active Roles

1. Once Active Roles is installed, open the Active Roles Configuration Center in Windows. The **Upgrade configuration** wizard will automatically appear.
2. To reauthenticate existing Azure tenants, proceed to the **Reauthenticate tenants** step and click **Reauthenticate** next to each Azure tenant.



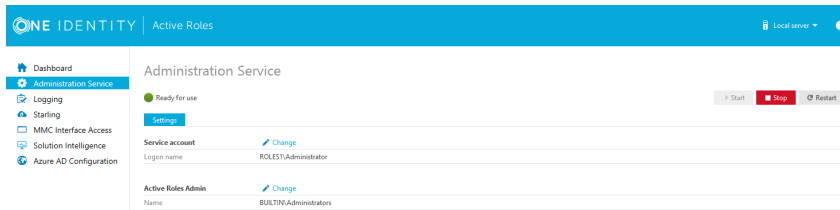
NOTE: Consider the following when reauthenticating existing Azure tenants:

- If reauthentication is successful, the Azure tenant will disappear from the list, and the **Reauthenticate tenants** step shows a confirmation message.

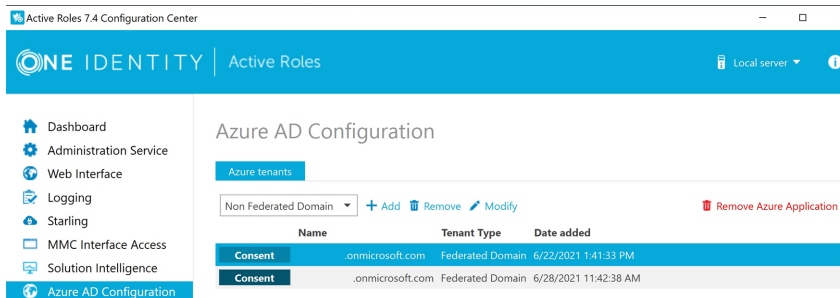


- If reauthentication fails, the Azure tenant will remain in the list. Reauthentication can typically fail if there is a service outage in Entra ID, or in case of internet connectivity issues in your network. If reauthentication keeps failing, try performing it later after completing the **Upgrade configuration** wizard by removing, readding and consenting the Azure tenants to Active Roles via the **Entra ID Configuration** tab of the Active Roles Configuration Center. For more information, see [Reconfiguring Azure tenants manually](#).

3. Complete the rest of the steps in the **Upgrade configuration** wizard.
4. To make the reauthenticated Azure tenants appear in the Active Roles Web Interface, you must restart the Administration Service. Click **Administration Service** on the left pane, then either click **Restart**, or first click **Stop** and then **Start**.



5. Once the Active Roles Configuration Center successfully restarted, navigate to **Entra ID Configuration**.



6. To reauthorize Active Roles as an Azure application for the reauthenticated Azure tenants, click **Consent** in each tenant row.
7. To complete consenting, click **Accept** on the Microsoft **Permissions Requested** page that appears.



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Permissions requested Review for your organization

ActiveRoles
[App info](#)

This application is not published by Microsoft.

This app would like to:

- ✓ Manage Exchange As Application
- ✓ Read and write directory data
- ✓ Read and write all groups
- ✓ Read and write all directory RBAC settings
- ✓ Read and write all users' full profiles
- ✓ Sign in and read user profile

If you accept, this app will get access to the specified resources for all users in your organization. No one else will be prompted to review these permissions.

Accepting these permissions means that you allow this app to use your data as specified in their terms of service and privacy statement. You can change these permissions at <https://myapps.microsoft.com>. [Show details](#)

Does this app look suspicious? [Report it here](#)

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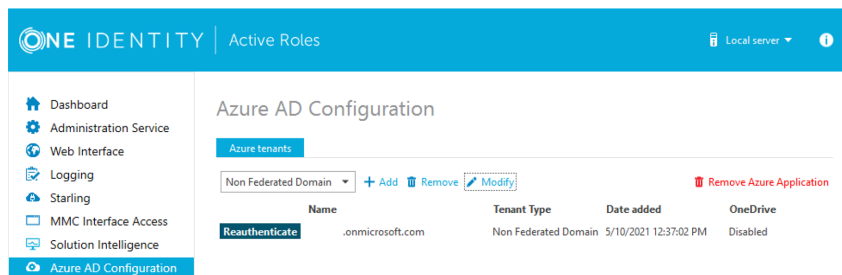
Reconfiguring Azure tenants manually

If your organization has any Azure tenants managed in Active Roles , you will need to reauthenticate and reauthorize each Azure tenant after installing a new version of Active Roles. Otherwise, you may experience difficulties with Exchange Online connectivity and managing Entra ID resources (for example, assigning Entra ID roles).

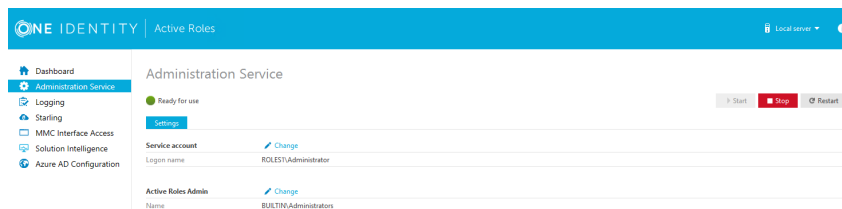
Azure tenant reauthentication is part of the in-place **Upgrade configuration** process by default (for more information, see [Reconfiguring Azure tenants during upgrade configuration](#)). However, if reauthentication fails during that process for any reason, you can complete the reauthentication and reauthorizing of existing Azure tenants with the following manual steps later.

To reconfigure Azure tenants after upgrading from Active Roles 7.4.1 or 7.4.3 to Active Roles 8.1.3

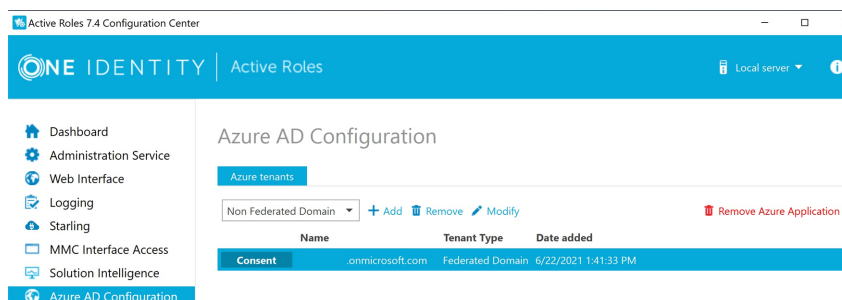
1. In the Active Roles Configuration Center, navigate to **Azure AD Configuration**.
2. To reconfigure the existing Azure tenants, select a tenant and click **Reauthenticate** in its row. Repeat the process for each existing Azure tenant.



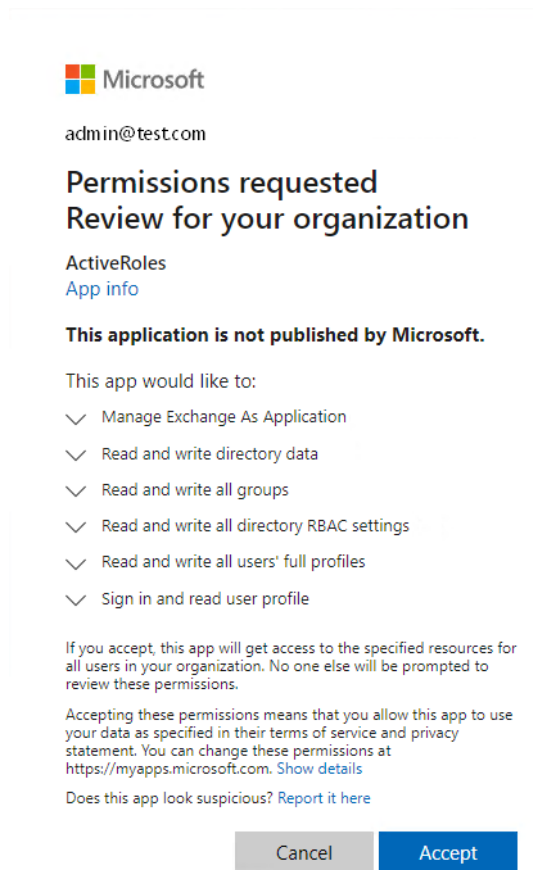
3. To make the configured Azure tenant appear in the Active Roles Web Interface, you must restart the Administration Service. Click **Administration Service** on the left pane, then either click **Restart**, or first click **Stop** and then **Start**.



4. Once the Administration Service is restarted, consent Active Roles as an Azure application for each reconfigured Azure tenant. To do so, navigate again to **Azure AD Configuration**, select the Azure tenant and click **Consent**.



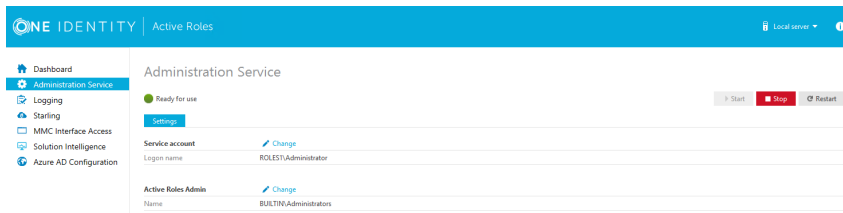
5. To complete consenting, click **Accept** on the Microsoft **Permissions Requested** page that appears.



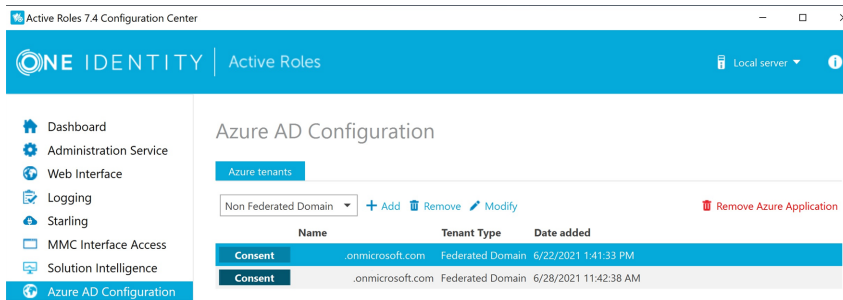
6. Repeat the previous two steps for each Azure tenant.

To reconfigure Azure tenants when upgrading from Active Roles 7.4.4 to 8.1.3

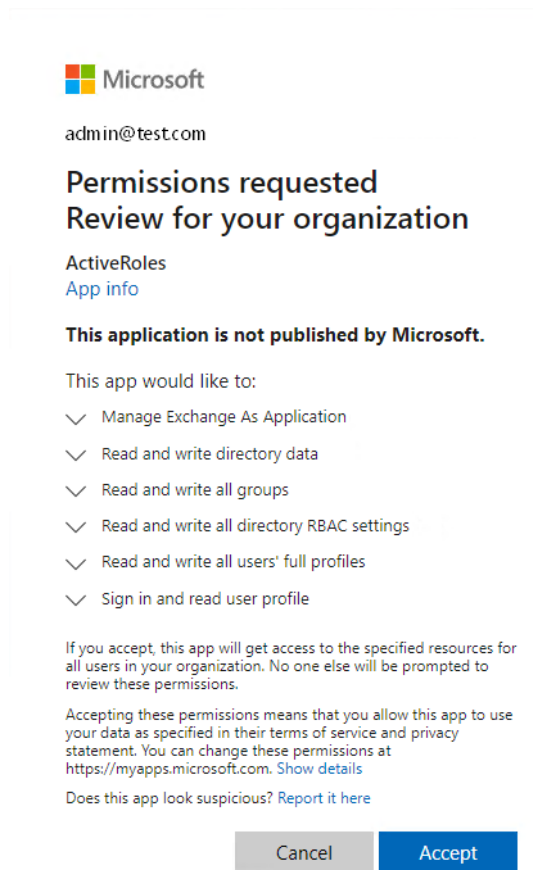
1. In the Active Roles Configuration Center, navigate to **Azure AD Configuration**.
2. Remove all Azure tenants. To do so, select an Azure tenant and first click **Remove Azure Application**, and then click **Remove**.
3. Repeat the previous step for each remaining Azure tenant.
4. Add the removed Azure tenants again to the list. To do so, use the drop-down box to select the type of domain assigned to the Azure tenant (**Non-Federated Domain, Federated Domain, Synchronized Identity Domain**), and click **Add**.
Upon successful authentication, the new Azure tenant appears in the list.
5. Repeat the previous step for each Azure tenant that you previously removed.
6. To make the configured Azure tenants appear in the Active Roles Web Interface, you must restart the Administration Service. Click **Administration Service** on the left pane, then either click **Restart**, or first click **Stop** and then **Start**.



- Once the Administration Service is restarted, consent Active Roles as an Azure application for the reconfigured Azure tenants. To do so, navigate to **Azure AD Configuration**, select an Azure tenant and click **Consent**.



- To complete consenting, click **Accept** on the Microsoft **Permissions Requested** page that appears.



9. Repeat the previous two steps for each Azure tenant.

Checking the cross-domain membership setting

If you upgrade from Active Roles 8.1.3 or an earlier Active Roles release to a 8.1.3 Service Pack release via in-place upgrade, and you previously enabled this setting to include cross-domain group members in your dynamic groups, then after completing the in-place upgrade, verify that the setting is still selected.

After performing an in-place upgrade, **Enable cross-domain membership** might revert to its default cleared state, which might negatively impact the dynamic group membership of cross-domain members.

To check the value of the Enable cross-domain membership setting

1. In the Active Roles Console, in the console pane, navigate to the following container:
Configuration/Policies/Administration/Builtin
2. Right-click the **Built-in Policy - Dynamic Groups** Policy Object, then in the context menu, select **Properties**.
3. To open the list of policy settings:
 - a. Click the **Policies** tab.
 - b. Click the policy's description under **Policy Description**, then click the **View/Edit** button.
 - c. In the **Active Roles Configuration Policy Properties** dialog, click the **Policy Settings** tab.
4. Verify that the **Enable cross-domain membership** check box is still selected. If it reverted to a clear state, select it again.
5. To apply your changes, click **OK**.

Rebuilding the dynamic group cache

NOTE: Active Roles 8.1.3 SP2 reworked the dynamic group feature extensively. This rework resulted in deprecating several dynamic group XML properties and virtual attributes compared to Active Roles 8.1.3 and 8.1.3 SP1. For the list of deprecated resources, see [Deprecated features](#) in the *Active Roles Release Notes*.

This topic describes the functionality of the feature as of Active Roles 8.1.3 SP2.

After upgrading to Active Roles 8.1.3 SP2 or SP3, it might occur that dynamic groups are not indicated as dynamic groups, because Active Roles is unable to correctly fetch the list of dynamic groups from the connected domains.

To solve the problem, rebuild the cache of dynamic group data by running the **Dynamic Group Updater** built-in scheduled task in the Active Roles Console.

To rebuild the dynamic group cache with the Dynamic Group Updater built-in scheduled task

1. In the Active Roles Console, in the console tree, navigate to the following container:
Configuration > Server Configuration > Scheduled Tasks > Builtin
2. Right-click the **Dynamic Group Updater** scheduled task, then select **All Tasks > Execute**.

Upgrading the Web Interface

Upgrading the Web Interface implies creation of a new Web Interface instance of the latest version that has the same Web Interface sites as your Web Interface of an earlier version, with the site configuration data imported from your Active Roles configuration of the earlier version. As a result, the new Web Interface sites inherit all customizations that were made to the menus, commands, forms, and other elements of your Web Interface sites of the earlier version.

When an import configuration is performed from Active Roles version 7.5 to 8.1.3, the Web Interface does not get upgraded. However, the Configuration Center or any client report the Active Roles Web Interface version incorrectly as 8.1.3. To upgrade the Web Interface to the latest version, see [Create sites based on old configuration objects](#).

Creating a new Web Interface instance and importing the configuration of existing sites have four main steps:

1. For each Web Interface site of your earlier Active Roles version, identify and note down the name of the configuration object that the Administration Service uses to store the site's configuration data.
2. Install and configure the Web Interface instance of the latest Active Roles version, choosing the new Administration Service to which you have imported configuration of your earlier Active Roles version. For more information, see [Upgrading the Administration Service](#).
3. On the new Web Interface instance that you installed and configured, create sites based on information you noted previously, importing data from the configuration objects used by your earlier Web Interface version. Those configuration objects were copied to the new Administration Service during configuration data import. For more information, see [Import configuration](#).
4. Optionally, delete the default sites that were created when you configured the Web Interface in Step 2. The default sites are unaware of your existing site customizations, and have the default configuration of menus, command, forms and other elements.

These steps are covered in the sections that follow.

Identify configuration objects

When creating Web Interface sites of the new Active Roles version, you need to know which configuration objects are used by your Web Interface sites of the earlier version. Each site stores its configuration in a certain object on the Administration Service, referred to as the *site configuration object*. Upgrade of the Administration Service copies the existing site configuration objects to the new Administration Service, retaining the name of each object.

To create a Web Interface site of the new Active Roles version that inherits your existing site customizations, you need to specify the name of the corresponding site configuration object of the earlier version. Then, Active Roles creates a site configuration object of the new version, imports the site configuration data to that object, and causes the new Web

Interface site to use that object. As a result, the new Web Interface site has the same configuration as the Web Interface site of the earlier version.

To identify the configuration object of the Web Interface site of an earlier Active Roles version

1. On the Web server running your Web Interface of the earlier Active Roles version, start the Web Interface Sites Configuration wizard.

To start the wizard, select **Web Interface Sites Configuration** on the **Apps** page or **Start** menu, depending upon the version of the Windows operating system on the Web server.

2. Proceed to the **Web Interface Configuration** page in the Web Interface Sites Configuration wizard.

The page lists your Web Interface sites of the earlier Active Roles version.

3. On the **Web Interface Configuration** page, click the list item representing the desired site, and then click the **Edit** button.

You can distinguish sites by alias, shown in the **Virtual Directory** column on the **Web Interface Configuration** page. The alias defines the virtual path used in the address of the Web Interface site on the Web server.

4. Note down the name of the site's configuration object shown in the **Configuration settings** area of the dialog box that appears.

The name of the object is displayed in the **Name** box under the **Use existing configuration** option, and includes the version number.

5. Click **Cancel** to close the dialog box.

To identify the configuration object of the Web Interface site of the current Active Roles version

1. Start the **Configuration Center** on the computer running the **Administration Service** instance on which you want to identify the web interface sites.

You can start Configuration Center by selecting Active Roles Configuration Center on the Apps page or Start menu, depending upon the version of your Windows operating system.

2. On the Configuration Settings main window, on the left pane, click Web Interface.

The Web Interface page is displayed, which lists the Web Interface sites of the current Active Roles version that are deployed on the Web server running the Web Interface.

For each Web Interface site, the list provides the following information:

- IIS Web site The name of the Web site that holds the Web application implementing the Web Interface site.
- Web app alias The alias of the Web application that implements the Web Interface site, which defines the virtual path of that application on the Web

server.

- Configuration Identifies the object that holds the Web Interface site's configuration and customization data on the Active Roles Administration Service.
3. From the Web Interface page, you can open Web Interface sites in your Web browser:
 - a. Click an entry in the list of Web Interface sites.
 - b. Click Open in Browser on toolbar.

You can also use Configuration Center to:

- Create, modify or delete Web Interface sites
- Export a Web Interface site's configuration object to a file

For more information, see the Web Interface management tasks section in the *One Identity Active Roles Administration Guide*.

Identify the configuration object for each of your existing Web Interface sites, and note down the name of each object. You will need these names when creating the Web Interface sites of the new Active Roles version.

Install and configure the Web Interface

To create a new Web Interface instance, you first install Web Interface files and then perform initial configuration.

To install the Web Interface files

1. Log on with a user account that has administrator rights on the computer.
2. Navigate to the location of the Active Roles distribution package, and start the Setup wizard by double-clicking `ActiveRoles.exe`.
3. Follow the instructions in the Setup wizard.
4. On the **Component Selection** page, ensure that the **Web Interface** component is selected, and click **Next**.
5. On the **Ready to Install** page, click **Install** to perform installation.
6. On the **Completion** page, confirm that the **I want to perform configuration** check box is selected, and click **Finish**.

The Setup wizard only installs the files. After you have completed the Setup wizard, you need to configure the newly installed Web Interface instance by using Active Roles Configuration Center that opens automatically if you select the **I want to perform configuration** check box on the **Completion** page in the Setup wizard. Another way to open Configuration Center is by selecting **Active Roles 8.1.3 Configuration Center** on the **Apps** page or **Start** menu, depending upon the version of your Windows operating system.

To perform initial configuration

1. In Configuration Center, under **Web Interface**, click **Configure**.
This starts the wizard that will perform initial configuration of the Web Interface.

2. On the **Administration Service** page, specify the new Administration Service instance created during upgrade. For more information, see [Upgrading the Administration Service](#).

If the new Administration Service instance runs on the computer on which you are installing the new Web Interface, choose the option **Administration Service on the computer running the Web Interface**. Otherwise, choose the option **Administration Service on this computer**, and supply the fully qualified domain name of the computer running the new Administration Service instance.

3. Click the **Configure** button, and wait while the wizard completes the configuration.

Create sites based on old configuration objects

After you have installed and configured the Web Interface instance of the new Active Roles version, you can use Configuration Center to create Web Interface sites of the new version, importing site configuration data from the configuration objects used by your existing Web Interface sites of the earlier Active Roles version (see [Identify configuration objects](#)). As a result, the new Web Interface sites will inherit all customizations that were made to the menus, commands, forms and other elements of your Web Interface sites of the earlier version.

To create a Web Interface site based on an old configuration object

1. Open Configuration Center.
You can open Configuration Center by selecting **Active Roles 8.1.3 Configuration Center** on the **Apps** page or **Start** menu, depending upon the version of your Windows operating system.
2. In the Configuration Center main window, under **Web Interface**, click **Manage Sites**.
3. On the **Sites** page, click **Create**.
4. On the **Web Application** page in the Create Web Interface Site that appears, choose the IIS Web site to contain the Web application that implements the Web Interface site, and specify an alias for that application.
The alias defines the virtual path that is a part of the Web Interface site's address. You can view the resulting address on the **Web Application** page.
5. Click **Next** to proceed to the **Configuration** page.
6. From the list on the **Configuration** page, select the **Import from an existing configuration** option.
7. Complete the fields on the **Configuration** page:

- a. In the **Configuration name** field, supply the name of the configuration object for the new Web Interface site. You can accept the default name.
- b. The wizard will create a configuration object with the specified name, and import configuration data to that object.
- c. From the list in the **Configuration to import** box, select the name of the configuration object from which to import the configuration data.

This must be the name of the configuration object used by one of your existing Web Interface sites of the earlier Active Roles version (see [Identify configuration objects](#)).

8. Click the **Create** button, and wait while the wizard creates the new Web Interface site.

Perform these steps for each of your Web Interface sites of the earlier version, selecting the appropriate object name in Step 7b.

Delete default sites

After you created the Web Interface sites of the new version that inherit the configuration of your Web Interface sites of the earlier version, you can delete the default Web Interface sites that were created by initial configuration of the Web Interface. For more information, see [Install and configure the Web Interface](#).

To delete the default Web Interface sites

1. Open Configuration Center.
You can open Configuration Center by selecting **Active Roles 8.1.3 Configuration Center** on the **Apps** page or **Start** menu, depending upon the version of your Windows operating system.
2. In the Configuration Center main window, under **Web Interface**, click **Manage Sites**.
3. On the **Sites** page, identify list entries representing default Web Interface sites, and use the **Delete** button to delete them one by one.
You can distinguish list entries representing default Web Interface sites by the name in the **Configuration** column:
 - **Site for Administrators (8.1.3)** indicates the default site for administrators
 - **Site for HelpDesk (8.1.3)** indicates the default site for Help Desk
 - **Site for Self-Administration (8.1.3)** indicates the default site for self-administration

Upgrading other components

This section covers upgrade options for the following components of Active Roles:

- Console (MMC Interface)
- Management Shell
- ADSI Provider
- SDK
- Collector and Report Pack
- Synchronization Service

Upgrade of the Active Roles Console

You can install the Active Roles Console of version 8.1.3 side-by-side with the Active Roles Console of version 6.9, on the same computer. Alternatively, you can install the new Console on a different computer. For installation instructions, see [Steps to install the Active Roles Console](#).

To upgrade from Active Roles console version 7.5 or later to the latest Active Roles version, perform an in-place upgrade or a new installation with import configuration from the earlier Active Roles version. In case of an in-place upgrade, the Active Roles console is upgraded automatically to the console of latest version of Active Roles.

If you no longer need the console of version 6.9 or earlier, you can uninstall it using **Programs and Features** in Control Panel: Right-click **MMC Interface** in the list of installed programs, and then click **Uninstall**.

Upgrade of the Shell, ADSI Provider and SDK

The Active Roles Management Shell, ADSI Provider and SDK of version 8.1.3 are packaged into a single component referred to as Management Tools. You can install Management Tools side-by-side with Active Roles version 6.9, on the same computer. Alternatively, you can install Management Tools on a different computer. Active Roles setup installs Management Tools by default. You can install Management Tools without installing other components (see [Steps to install only the Shell, ADSI Provider and SDK](#)).

To upgrade from Active Roles Management Shell, ADSI Provider and SDK version 7.5 to the latest Active Roles version, perform an in-place upgrade. In case of an in-place upgrade, the Active Roles Management Shell, ADSI Provider and SDK is upgraded automatically to the components of the latest version of Active Roles.

If you no longer need the Management Shell that ships with Active Roles 6.9, you can uninstall it using **Programs and Features** in Control Panel: Right-click **Management Shell** in the list of installed programs, and then click **Uninstall**. Note that the Administration Service requires the Management Shell. Do not uninstall the earlier version of Management Shell from the computer running the Administration Service of version 6.9.

The Active Roles SDK is packaged as a feature of the Administration Service installation. You can uninstall it by using the Administration Service Setup wizard in maintenance mode: In **Programs and Features**, right-click **Administration Service**, and then click **Change** to start the Setup wizard. On the **Select Features** page in the wizard, choose the option to remove the **SDK and Resource Kit** feature.

The Active Roles ADSI Provider of version 6.9 is normally installed together with any of the Active Roles core components, such as the Administration Service, Web Interface or MMC Interface, and is removed once you have uninstalled the core components.

Upgrade of Collector and Report Pack

The Active Roles reporting components should be upgraded in the following order:

- Collector
- Report Pack
- Collector's database

Collector

To upgrade, first uninstall your earlier version of Collector and then install the new version. To uninstall Collector, use the **Programs and Features** list of the Windows Control Panel. Once you uninstalled your earlier version of Collector, install the new version. For installation instructions, see [Steps to install the Collector and Report Pack](#).

Report Pack

To upgrade, first uninstall your earlier version of the Report Pack and then install the new version. The Report Pack should be uninstalled on the computer that was initially used to install the Report Pack. You can uninstall the Report Pack by using **Programs and Features** in Control Panel.

Once you have uninstalled your earlier version of the Report Pack, deploy the new version. For instructions, see [Deploying Report Pack](#).

Collector's database

The new version of the Report Pack is incompatible with the database of an earlier Collector version. To create reports based on the events held in that database, you need to import the events to the database of the new Collector version, and then specify the database of the new Collector version as the data source for the reports of the new Report Pack version. For instructions on how to configure the data source, see "Working with reports" in the Active Roles Administration Guide.

To import events from the database of an earlier Collector version

1. Start the Collector wizard.
You can start the Collector wizard by selecting **Active Roles 8.1.3 Collector and Report Pack** on the **Apps** page or **Start** menu, depending upon the version of your Windows operating system.
2. On the **Select Task** page, click **Import events from an earlier database version**, and then click **Next**.

3. On the **Source database** page, click **Specify**, and supply the name, database type and the database server of the database used by your Collector of an earlier version. Click **Next**.
4. On the **Target Database** page, click **Specify**, and supply the database type, database server, and database name of the database used by your Collector of the current version.
5. Click **Next**, and wait while the wizard performs the import.

Synchronization Service

If you have synchronization workflows configured and run by Quick Connect (predecessor of Synchronization Service), or earlier versions of Synchronization Service, then you can transfer those synchronization workflows to Active Roles and have them run by Synchronization Service.

You can transfer synchronization workflows from the following Quick Connect or Synchronization Service versions:

- Quick Connect Sync Engine 5.2.0, 5.3.0, 5.4.0, 5.4.1, or 5.5.0
- Quick Connect Express for Active Directory 5.3.0, 5.4.0, 5.4.1, 5.5.0, or 5.6.0
- Quick Connect for Cloud Services 3.3.0, 3.4.0, 3.5.0, 3.6.0, 3.6.1, 3.6.2, or 3.7.0
- Quick Connect for Base Systems 2.2.0, 2.3.0, or 2.4.0
- Synchronization Service 7.0, 7.1, 7.2, or 7.3

Performing a pilot deployment

In a large enterprise environment, a pilot project may need to be conducted before upgrading to the new Active Roles. In a pilot project, you deploy components of the new version in your production environment side-by-side with the existing installation of the components you are going to upgrade, evaluate the results, and fix problems.

Normally, a pilot project is conducted with a small group of users in the production environment where select individuals perform particular tasks using the new Active Roles version. This demonstrates that the new version works as expected and that it meets the organization's requirements.

A pilot project is a deployment of the new Active Roles version to a subset of the user group. Those who do not participate in the pilot project perform their regular, daily work using the earlier Active Roles version. This requires that the earlier version be up and running in the production environment side-by-side with the pilot deployment.

When the pilot project is deemed successful and ready for production, you can upgrade your existing production components to the new version.

Deploying a pilot project involves the following steps:

1. **Deploying the pilot Administration Service** Deploy an instance of the Administration Service of the new Active Roles version, and update that instance with the configuration data from the database used by your production Administration Service of the earlier Active Roles version.
2. **Deploying the pilot Web Interface** Deploy an instance of the Web Interface of the new Active Roles version so that the new instance uses the Administration Service you deployed in the previous step, and create the Web Interface sites on that Web Interface instance by importing the configuration data used by your production Web Interface sites of the earlier Active Roles version.
3. **Installing the console** Install the Active Roles console of the new version.

These steps are discussed in the sections that follow.

Deploying the pilot Administration Service

When deploying your pilot instance of the Administration Service, you need to ensure that it has the same configuration as your production instances of the Administration Service. You can achieve this as follows:

1. Create an instance of the new Administration Service. For instructions, see [Upgrading the Administration Service](#).

You can install the Administration Service of version Active Roles side-by-side with the Administration Service of version 6.9, on the same computer. Another option is to install the new Administration Service on a different computer.

2. Import the configuration data from the database used by your production Administration Service of the earlier Active Roles version, to the new Administration Service you created in the previous step.

You can import the configuration data using the **Import configuration wizard** of the Configuration Center. On the **Source database** page in the **Import configuration wizard**, specify the database used by your production Administration Service of the earlier Active Roles version. For more information, see [Import configuration](#).

Optionally, you can import the management history data from the database of your production Administration Service, in addition to the configuration data (see [Import management history](#)).

Transfer to new operating system or SQL Server version

When performing a pilot deployment, you may want to have the new Administration Service version installed on a server running a newer version of the Windows operating system. Additionally, you may need the database of the new Administration Service to be hosted on a newer SQL Server version. You can meet these requirements as follows:

1. Install and configure the new Administration Service on a computer running the operating system you want. When performing initial configuration, specify the desired SQL Server instance. You are not required to specify the SQL Server instance that hosts the database of your production Administration Service of the earlier Active Roles version. You can choose any SQL Server version that meets the system requirements for the new Active Roles version.
2. Import the configuration data and, optionally, management history data, from the database of your production Administration Service of the earlier Active Roles version to the new Administration Service you created in the previous step.

Deploying the pilot Web Interface

Once you have deployed the pilot Administration Service and updated its configuration, you can deploy the Web Interface for your pilot project. You have to ensure that your pilot instance of the Web Interface meets the following conditions:

- Uses the Administration Service instance you have deployed for your pilot project (see [Deploying the pilot Administration Service](#)).
- For each of your production Web Interface sites of the earlier Active Roles version, holds a site with the same customizations of the menus, commands, forms and other elements as the production site.

You can address these conditions as follows:

1. For each of your production Web Interface sites of the earlier Active Roles version, identify and note down the name of the configuration object used by that site.

You can identify your existing site configuration objects by using the **Web Interface Sites Configuration** wizard on the computer running your production Web Interface. For detailed instructions, see [Identify configuration objects](#).

2. Create an instance of the new Web Interface, and configure it to use the Administration Service instance you have deployed for your pilot project. For details, see [Install and configure the Web Interface](#).

You can install the Web Interface of version Active Roles side-by-side with the Web Interface of version 6.9, on the same computer. Another option is to install the new Web Interface on a different computer.

3. On the Web Interface instance you created, create Web Interface sites, importing site configuration data from the configuration objects you identified previously. For more information, see [Create sites based on old configuration objects](#).

Optionally, delete the default sites that were created when you configured the Web Interface. The default sites cannot detect existing site customizations, and have the default configuration of menus, command, forms and other elements. For more information on deleting the default Web Interface sites, see [Delete default sites](#).

Deploying the pilot Active Roles Console

You need the Active Roles console of version 8.1.3 if you want the console to connect to the Administration Service of version Active Roles. As the console of version 8.1.3 does not connect to the Administration Service of earlier versions, the use of the console version Active Roles for your pilot project ensures that the console automatically connects to the pilot Administration Service.

For installation instructions, see [Steps to install the Active Roles Console](#).

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NOTE: This feature is officially supported starting from Active Roles 8.1.3 SP1 (build 8.1.3.10). It is not supported on Active Roles 8.1.3 (build 8.1.3.2) and earlier versions.

Active Roles supports deployment and configuration in the Amazon cloud to manage [AWS Managed Microsoft AD](#) instances hosted via AWS Directory Service.

This allows you to:

- Perform Active Directory management tasks in your AWS Managed Microsoft AD environment.
- Synchronize directory data from an on-premises AD environment to AWS Managed Microsoft AD.
- Synchronize passwords from an on-premises Active Directory to AWS Managed Microsoft AD (with certain limitations).

For more information about the Active Roles features supported with AWS Managed Microsoft AD, see *Support for AWS Managed Microsoft AD* in the *Active Roles Feature Guide*.

Supported AWS Managed Microsoft AD deployment configuration

To administer AWS Managed Microsoft AD environments, you must deploy Active Roles into the Amazon cloud in the following configuration:

- Active Roles must be deployed on an Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) instance or instances. For more information, see the [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud documentation](#).

- The SQL Server required by Active Roles Administration Service must run on a separate Amazon Relational Database Service for Microsoft SQL Server (RDS for SQL Server) instance. For more information, see the [Amazon RDS documentation](#).
- The Active Directory environment must be hosted in the Amazon cloud via AWS Directory Service. For more information, see the [AWS Directory Service documentation](#).

NOTE: Support for AWS Managed Microsoft AD by Active Roles was tested only in this configuration. Active Roles does not officially support managing AWS Managed Microsoft AD environments in a hybrid deployment, that is using an on-premises Active Roles and/or SQL Server installation and hosting AD via AWS Directory Service.

Deployment requirements for AWS Managed Microsoft AD support

Before starting the deployment and configuration of Active Roles to manage AWS Managed Microsoft AD via AWS Directory Service, make sure that the following requirements are met.

NOTE: When setting up a virtual environment, carefully consider the configuration aspects such as CPU, memory availability, I/O subsystem, and network infrastructure to ensure the virtual layer has the necessary resources available. Please consult [One Identity's Product Support Policies](#) for more information on environment virtualization.

Connectivity requirements

You must have:

- Stable network connectivity to Amazon Web Services (AWS).
- Port 1433 open and available for the Amazon Relational Database Service (RDS) service.
- Access to the AWS service with the **AWSAdministratorAccess** permission.

NOTE: Make sure that you have **AWSAdministratorAccess** permission, as it is required for certain configuration steps. The **AWSPowerUserAccess** permission is not sufficient for completing the entire configuration procedure.

Infrastructure requirements

To deploy and configure Active Roles for AWS Managed Microsoft AD, you must have access to the following AWS services and resources:

- AWS Managed Microsoft AD deployed via AWS Directory Service.
- One or more Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) instance(s) hosting the Active Roles services and components.

The EC2 instance(s) must have, at minimum:

- 2 vCPUs running at 2.0 GHz.
- 4 GB of RAM.

TIP: One Identity recommends hosting the main Active Roles services and components (the Active Roles Service and Console, and the Active Roles Web Interface) on separate EC2 instances. If you deploy all Active Roles services and components in a single EC2 instance, use a more powerful instance to ensure a better user experience for the product.

NOTE: AWS Managed Microsoft AD support was tested with a single **t2.large** EC2 instance.

- An Amazon Relational Database Service for SQL Server (RDS for SQL Server).

NOTE: AWS Managed Microsoft AD support was tested with an RDS instance running the latest version of Microsoft SQL Server.

Make sure that all these components are discoverable or visible to each other.

Main steps of configuring Active Roles for AWS Managed Microsoft AD

If your organization and environment meet the [Deployment requirements for AWS Managed Microsoft AD support](#), then configuring Active Roles for managing AWS Managed Microsoft AD via AWS Directory Service has the following main steps:

1. [Creating your AWS Managed Microsoft AD environment.](#)
2. [Creating an Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud \(EC2\) instance for Active Roles.](#)
3. [Joining the EC2 instance to AWS Managed Microsoft AD.](#)
4. [Creating an Amazon Relational Database Service for SQL Server \(RDS for SQL Server\) instance](#) to host the Active Roles Management History and Configuration databases.
5. [Verifying the connectivity between the EC2 and RDS instances.](#)
6. [Installing and configuring Active Roles on the EC2 instance.](#)
7. (Optional) Installing and configuring Active Roles Synchronization Service on the EC2 instance. For more information, see *Installing and configuring Synchronization*

Creating the AWS Managed Microsoft AD instance

To deploy and configure Active Roles in Amazon Web Services (AWS) for managing AWS Managed Microsoft AD, first you must create an AWS Directory Service instance hosting your AWS Managed Microsoft AD instance. For more information on configuring the service in the AWS console, see [Setting up AWS Directory Service](#) in the *AWS Directory Service documentation*.

NOTE: Consider the following when creating the AWS Managed Microsoft AD instance:

- Make sure that the connectivity requirements listed in [Deployment requirements for AWS Managed Microsoft AD support](#) are met.
- During the procedure take note of the following values, as they will be required in later procedures:
 - **Directory DNS name:** The fully qualified domain name (FQDN) of your AD service (for example, `activeroles.demo`).
 - **Directory NetBIOS name:** The NetBIOS name (or shortname) of your AD service (for example, `ARDEMO`).
 - **Admin password:** The password of the default admin account (named `admin`).
- After specifying all required settings, it takes approximately 30-40 minutes to create the AWS Managed Microsoft AD instance. If you run into any issues when creating the environment, see [Troubleshooting AWS Managed Microsoft AD](#) in the *AWS Managed Microsoft AD documentation*.

Creating the EC2 instance for Active Roles

To deploy and configure Active Roles in Amazon Web Services (AWS) for managing AWS Managed Microsoft AD, you must create an Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) instance hosting your Active Roles installation.

Complete the procedure in AWS as described in [Set up to use Amazon EC2](#) in the *Amazon EC2 documentation*. If you run into any problems when configuring or attempting to connect to the EC2 instance, see [Troubleshoot EC2 Windows instances](#) in the *Amazon EC2 documentation*.

NOTE: Consider the following when creating the EC2 instance:

- Make sure that the connectivity requirements listed in [Deployment requirements for AWS Managed Microsoft AD support](#) are met.
- For the operating system on the EC2 instance, select a **Microsoft Windows Server** AMI supported by Active Roles. For the list of supported Windows Server operating systems, see *System requirements* in the *Active Roles Release Notes*.
- Select an EC2 instance type that has, at minimum:
 - 2 vCPUs running at 2.0 GHz.
 - 4 GB of RAM.
- One Identity recommends setting the storage to a minimum of 60 GiB of gp2 root volume.

TIP: For consistency, once you logged in to the EC2 instance, rename the virtual machine to the same name that you originally defined for the EC2 instance in the AWS console.

Joining the EC2 instance to AWS Managed Microsoft AD

After you [created your AWS Managed Microsoft AD service](#) and [your EC2 instance\(s\)](#), you must join the configured Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) instance(s) to AWS Managed Microsoft AD.

Complete the procedure in Amazon Web Services (AWS) as described in [Join an EC2 instance to your AWS Managed Microsoft AD directory](#) in the *AWS Directory Service documentation*.

NOTE: Consider the following when joining the EC2 instance(s) to AWS Managed Microsoft AD:

- Make sure that the connectivity requirements listed in [Deployment requirements for AWS Managed Microsoft AD support](#) are met.
- You will need to use the fully qualified domain name that you configured during [Creating the AWS Managed Microsoft AD instance](#).

TIP: If the domain join process ends with an error, check the specified DNS addresses and Domain Admin credentials in the AWS console.

Creating the RDS instance for the Active Roles SQL Server

If you manage AWS Managed Microsoft AD with Active Roles in Amazon Web Services (AWS), you must store the Active Roles Management History and Configuration databases in an Amazon Relational Database Service (RDS) instance.

Configure the RDS instance in AWS as described in [Setting up for Amazon RDS](#) in the *Amazon RDS documentation*.

NOTE: Consider the following when creating the EC2 instance:

- Make sure that the connectivity requirements listed in [Deployment requirements for AWS Managed Microsoft AD support](#) are met.
- Select the SQL Server edition that suits your needs the most. For most Active Roles use cases, **SQL Server Standard Edition** is an optimal choice.
- Take note of the **Master username** and **Master password**, as these credentials will be required later.
- For **Storage type**, select **General Purpose SSD (gp2)**, and allocate a minimum storage of 60 GiB.
- Consider selecting **Enable storage autoscaling**. Selecting this setting is useful if the SQL Server is utilized with a heavy load most of the time. However, it may incur additional operational costs.

Verifying connectivity between the EC2 and RDS instances

After you created the RDS instance, you can test in the EC2 instance with the telnet client or Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) if the RDS connectivity was successfully configured.

To verify RDS connectivity in the EC2 instance

1. Log in to the EC2 instance created for Active Roles.
2. To test connectivity to RDS, install the telnet client. To do so:
 - a. Open Windows Server Manager.
 - b. On the **Dashboard**, click **Add roles and features**.
 - c. In the **Installation Type** step, select **Role-based or feature-based installation**, then click **Next**.

- d. In the **Server Selection** step, choose **Select a server from the server pool**, and make sure that the local server (the EC2 instance) is selected.
 - e. In the **Server Roles** step, just click **Next**.
 - f. In the **Features** step, select **Telnet Client**.
 - g. In the **Confirmation** screen, click **Install**, then **Close** the application.
3. To verify connectivity to the RDS instance, open the Windows Command Prompt, and run the following command:

```
telnet <rds-server-endpoint> <port-number>
```

To find the RDS server endpoint and port to specify, open the entry of the RDS instance in the AWS console, and check the values under **Connectivity & Security > Endpoint & port**.

NOTE: If the command returns an empty prompt, that indicates connectivity between the EC2 instance and the RDS instance.

4. Download and install [Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio \(SSMS\)](#) on the EC2 instance.
5. To test the connection with SSMS, start the application, then in the **Connect to Server** dialog, specify the following attributes:
 - **Server type:** Select **Database Engine**.
 - **Server name:** The same RDS instance endpoint used in the telnet command.
 - **Authentication:** Select **SQL Server Authentication**, then specify the admin user name and password created when [configuring the RDS instance](#).
6. After you specified all connection properties, click **Connect**.

Installing and configuring Active Roles on the EC2 instance

After you [checked the connectivity between the EC2 and RDS instances](#), you can deploy and configure Active Roles on the EC2 instance.

Prerequisites

Before starting the procedure, make sure that the following requirements are met:

- The EC2 and RDS instances are connected.
- Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) is installed on the EC2 instance. If you followed the steps of [Verifying connectivity between the EC2 and RDS instances](#), SSMS must already be installed on the EC2 instance.

To install Active Roles on the EC2 instance

1. Download the Active Roles installation media to the EC2 instance.
2. Run the setup and install Active Roles with all required prerequisites as described in *Active Roles installation* in the *Active Roles Quick Start Guide*.

After installing Active Roles, configure the Active Roles Administration Service.

To configure Active Roles Administration Service for managing AWS Managed Microsoft AD in SQL Server Management Studio

1. Start Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS), and connect to your the RDS for SQL Server instance as described in [Verifying connectivity between the EC2 and RDS instances](#).
2. With SSMS, under the **Databases** node of the **Object Explorer**, create two new empty databases to be used later for configuring Active Roles:
 - A database for the Management History database (name it, for example, **ARMH**).
 - A database for the Active Roles Configuration database (name it, for example, **ARConfig**).
3. Still in SSMS, create a new user that Active Roles will use to connect to the SQL database in the RDS instance. To do so, right-click the **Security > Logins** node of the **Object Explorer**, then select **New login** and specify the following details:
 - a. Under **General > Login name**, specify the name of the user (for example, **sql-activeroles**). Then, select **SQL Server authentication**.
 - b. Under **User Mapping**, select the databases that you created [previously](#) (in this example, **ARMH** and **ARConfig**), and assign the **db_owner** role to both of them.

To configure Active Roles Administration Service for managing AWS Managed Microsoft AD in Active Roles Configuration Center

1. Start the Active Roles Configuration Center.
2. On the **Dashboard**, under **Administration Service**, click **Configure**.
3. In the **Service Account** step, specify the user name and password of the Active Roles Service account. This could be, for example, the domain admin account supplied by Amazon Web Services (AWS).
4. In the **Active Roles Admin** step, specify the security group or administrator user in the EC2 instance who will hold Active Roles Admin permissions.
5. In the **Configuration Database Options** step, select **New Active Roles database** and **Use a pre-created blank database**.
6. In the **Connection to Configuration Database** step, configure the following settings:
 - **Database type:** Select **On Premise**. In the context of Active Roles, the Amazon RDS for SQL Server instance behaves like an on-premises SQL Server.

- **Database Server name:** Specify the endpoint URL of the RDS instance. This is the same endpoint you specified during [Verifying connectivity between the EC2 and RDS instances](#).
 - **Database name:** Specify the name of the blank database that you [created for use](#) as the Active Roles Configuration database (in this example, **ARConfig**).
 - **Connect using:** Select **SQL Server authentication**, and specify the user name and password of the user created as the owner of the database.
7. In the **Management History Database Options** step, select **New Active Roles database** and **Use a pre-created blank database**.
 8. In the **Connection to Management History Database** step, specify the same **Database type, Database Server name** and connection settings that you did for the [Configuration database](#). However, for **Database name**, specify the name of the blank database that you [created for use](#) as the Active Roles Management History database (in this example, **ARMH**).
 9. In the **Encryption Key Backup** step, specify the file name and save location of the Active Roles database encryption key.
 10. (Optional) Still in **Encryption Key Backup**, specify a password for additional protection. To continue, click **Next**.
 11. Review your settings, then apply your changes by clicking **Configure**.

After you configured the Active Roles Administration Service, you can also configure the Active Roles Console to manage your AWS Managed Microsoft AD instance.

To configure Active Roles Console for managing AWS Managed Microsoft AD

1. Start the Active Roles Console.
2. Due to limitations with Service Connection Points (SCPs) in the Amazon cloud, Active Roles Console is likely unable to automatically discover the Administration Service instance you [configured previously](#).

To manually connect to the Administration Service, in the **Connect to Administration Service** dialog, under **Service**, specify `localhost`. Under **Connect as**, select **Current user**, then click **Connect**.

NOTE: If you cannot connect to the Administration Service by specifying `localhost`, then specify the full **Device name** as indicated in the **Settings > About** page of the operating system.

3. After you connected, in the Active Roles Console landing page, click **Add Domain**.
4. In the Add Managed Domain Wizard, in **Domain Selection**, click **Browse** and select the domain configured by AWS for the EC2 instance.
5. In the **Active Roles Credentials** step, select **The service account information the Administration Service uses to log on**.
6. To finish adding the domain, click **Next**, then **Finish**.

7. To make sure that the contents of the AWS Managed Microsoft AD domain appear in the Active Roles Console, click **Refresh** or right-click the Active Roles node, then click **Reconnect**.

NOTE: The connected AWS Managed Microsoft AD environment will contain several built-in and AWS-specific containers with read-only access. You can create and manage AD objects only in the Organizational Unit whose name matches the shortname of the connected domain's name (specified during [Creating the AWS Managed Microsoft AD instance](#)).

Recommended steps to deploy Active Roles on Microsoft Azure VM

This section outlines the recommended steps for deploying Active Roles in the [Windows Azure Infrastructure Services](#) environment. After you complete these steps, you have the following services deployed in Windows Azure using [Windows Azure virtual machines](#):

- SQL Server 2012 or later to host the Active Roles database
- Active Roles Administration Service
- Active Roles Web Interface

Prerequisites of deploying Active Roles to Microsoft Azure VMs

This guide assumes that you already have the following prerequisites:

- Microsoft account with at least one valid, active Windows Azure subscription
- At least one writable replica domain controller installed in your Windows Azure account

For instructions on how to install a replica domain controller, see [Install a Replica Active Directory Domain Controller in Windows Azure Virtual Networks](#).

Deploying Microsoft SQL Server on an Azure VM

If your environment meets all prerequisites of deploying Active Roles in Microsoft Azure, deploy the SQL Server that will be used by Active Roles.

To deploy an SQL Server for Active Roles in Microsoft Azure

1. Create a virtual machine based on an SQL Server image published in Windows Azure.

When creating the virtual machine, on the **Virtual machine configuration** page, select the **Create a new cloud service** option and choose the Virtual Network used by your replica domain controller in Windows Azure.

For more information on how to deploy an SQL Server in Microsoft Azure, see [Create SQL Server on a Windows virtual machine in the Azure portal](#) in the *Microsoft Azure documentation*.

2. Join the SQL Server virtual machine to your Active Directory domain.
3. Using SQL Server Management Studio, grant the **sysadmin** fixed server role to the domain user account that will be used as the service account for the Active Roles Administration Service.
4. Configure Windows Firewall to allow connections to TCP Port 1433 from computers in your Virtual Network.

Because SQL Server will be accessed from within the Virtual Network, you do not need to create public endpoints in Windows Azure.

Deploying Active Roles Administration Service on an Azure VM

After deploying the SQL Server instance that will be used by Active Roles, deploy the Administration Service instance of the product.

To deploy Active Roles Administration Service in an Azure VM

1. Create a virtual machine based on a Windows Server 2016 image published in Windows Azure.

When creating the virtual machine, on the **Virtual machine configuration** page, select the Cloud Service that you created for the SQL Server virtual machine in [Deploying Microsoft SQL Server on an Azure VM](#). This will automatically select the correct Virtual Network as this Cloud Service is already used to host the SQL Server virtual machine. For further information, see *Create Virtual Machine and Deploy to Virtual Network* in [Add a Virtual Machine to a Virtual Network](#).

2. Join the newly created virtual machine to your Active Directory domain.
3. Connect to the virtual machine using Remote Desktop, and run the Active Roles Setup wizard to install the Active Roles Administration Service (see [Steps to deploy the Administration Service](#) earlier in this document).

When prompted for the service account, specify the appropriate user account defined in your Active Directory domain. Ensure that this user account is a member of the Administrators local group on the virtual machine where you are installing the

Administration Service. For example, this could be a domain user account that belongs to the Domain Admins group of your Active Directory domain.

When prompted for SQL Server, specify the name of the SQL Server you deployed in [Deploying Microsoft SQL Server on an Azure VM](#).

4. Run the following Windows PowerShell command on the virtual machine where you have installed the Active Roles Administration Service, to configure Windows Firewall:

```
$allowedClientSubnets = @('10.0.0.0/8', '172.16.0.0/12',  
'192.168.0.0/16'); New-NetFirewallRule -DisplayName "Active Roles" -  
Direction Inbound -Action Allow -Service 'aradminsvc' -RemoteAddress  
$allowedClientSubnets -Enabled True
```

Deploying Active Roles Web Interface on an Azure VM

After you deployed the SQL Server and Administration Service instances used by Active Roles, you can deploy the Web Interface instance to be used by the product.

To deploy Active Roles Web Interface on an Azure VM

1. Create a virtual machine based on a supported Windows Server image published in Windows Azure.

When creating the virtual machine, on the **Virtual machine configuration** page, select the Cloud Service that you created for the SQL Server virtual machine in [Deploying Microsoft SQL Server on an Azure VM](#). This will automatically select the correct Virtual Network as this Cloud Service is already used to host the Active Roles Administration Service and SQL Server virtual machines. For more information, see *Create Virtual Machine and Deploy to Virtual Network* in [Add a Virtual Machine to a Virtual Network](#).

2. Join the newly created virtual machine to your Active Directory domain.
3. Connect to the virtual machine using Remote Desktop, and run the Active Roles setup to install the Active Roles Web Interface (see [Installing and configuring the Web Interface](#)).

When prompted, choose the option to connect to the Administration Service on the specified computer, and specify the fully qualified domain name of the virtual machine you deployed in [Deploying Active Roles Administration Service on an Azure VM](#).

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